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1 PROCEEDINGS

- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: This is a public hearing in the
- 3 matter of T-Mobile Northeast, LLC and Sunshine Farms, LLC,
- 4 Board of Appeals No. S-2811, OZAH No. 11-35, petition for a
- 5 special exception under Code Section 59-G-2.58. The
- 6 petitioner is seeking special exception to construct an
- 7 unmanned wireless telecommunications facility on a 120-foot
- 8 tall monopole and an associated equipment area. The subject
- 9 property is Parcel P-253 located at 22611 Georgia Avenue,
- 10 Brookeville, Maryland in the RC Zone. The site is on land
- owned by the co-applicant, Sunshine Farms, LLC, and the RC
- 2 Zone permits telecommunications facilities by special
- 13 exception.
- 14 This hearing is conducted on behalf of the Board
- of Appeals. My name is Martin Grossman. I=m the hearing
- 16 examiner which means I will take evidence and write a report
- 17 and recommendation to the Board of Appeals which will make
- 18 the decision in this case. Will the parties identify
- 19 themselves, please, for the record?
- 20 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir. Sean Hughes on behalf of
- 21 T-Mobile.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And with you?
- 23 MR. HUGHES: Ms. Hillorie Morrison on behalf of T-
- 24 Mobile.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Hello, Ms. Morrison.

- 1 MS. MORRISON: Hello.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And is there anybody in
- 3 the audience here who is not a witness to be called by Mr.
- 4 Hughes and wishes to be heard? Yes, sir.
- 5 MR. HOCKSTRA: Joshua Hockstra.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Joshua Hockstra did you say?
- 7 MR. HOCKSTRA: Yes. H-O --
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: How do you spell that?
- 9 MR. HOCKSTRA: H-O-C-K-S-T-R-A.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And you wish to --
- 11 MR. HOCKSTRA: I=m a Montgomery County citizen.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. You wish to give testimony
- 13 today?
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Sure. Yes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And what=s your address, please,
- 16 sir?
- MR. HOCKSTRA: 2612 Triadelphia Lake Road.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Which is where?
- 19 MR. HOCKSTRA: Brookeville.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. What=s your zip code?
- 21 MR. HOCKSTRA: 20833.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: The reason I ask is that when we
- 23 send out notice, when my report is ready, we send out a
- 24 notice to those who have testified in the hearing and, that
- 25 the report has been posted online so that you can look at

- 1 whatever the report is. And you wish to testify for,
- 2 against or just comment on this?
- 3 MR. HOCKSTRA: Comment against.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. Sir?
- 5 MR. FAY: Kevin Fay. F as in Frank, A-Y. 25 West
- 6 Middle Lane.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: West, I=m sorry, Midville?
- 8 MR. FAY: Middle.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Middle Lane, okay.
- 10 MR. FAY: West Middle Lane, Rockville, Maryland
- 11 20850, and I do not wish to testify.
- 12 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. I see no other
- 13 hands in the audience so I take it that the only other
- 14 witness other than those to be called -- yes, sir?
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Does everybody have to sign in on
- 16 who is present for the sheet. Does that become public, too?
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: It is public, yes. This is a
- 18 public hearing.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: And the reason we have the sign in
- 21 is actually for purposes of notification.
- 22 MR. HOCKSTRA: I=m just trying to figure out who
- everybody is.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Oh, okay. Everybody here,
- 25 according to, anybody who is here who doesn=t wish to

- 1 testify does not have to identify themselves. The real
- 2 point here is that those who wish to be heard, we want to be
- 3 able to send out notice to them when the report is issued.
- 4 That=s why we get the names. Okay. All right. So as I was
- 5 saying, no one else in the audience has raised a hand so the
- only other people who are here are witnesses to be called by
- 7 Mr. Hughes.
- 8 Let me explain a little bit about these
- 9 proceedings. These proceedings are a combination of
- 10 formality and informality. That is they are conducted
- 11 formally in the sense that we operate pretty much the way a
- 12 courtroom does. All witnesses are sworn in, they=re subject
- 13 to cross-examination and in fact, Mr. Hockstra, why don=t
- 14 you come forward and have a seat at Counsel table if you
- 15 would. We=re going to give you the opportunity to cross-
- 16 examine any of the witnesses called by Mr. Hughes. And
- 17 there=s a court reporter who takes everything down. There
- 18 will be a transcript of these proceedings. We=re a little
- 19 bit more relaxed than a courtroom. The rules of evidence
- 20 are pretty similar except the exception of some forms of
- 21 hearsay if it=s reliable and probative.
- In any event, this is for a special exception, and
- 23 a special exception is not exactly what it sounds like.
- 24 It=s a bit of a misnomer. A special exception is really
- 25 what some jurisdictions call a conditional use. That it, it

1 is a use that is permitted by statute if certain conditions

- 2 are met. It=s not a variance from the statute that=s
- 3 actually used. It=s permitted under the statute if
- 4 conditions are met, and those conditions are spelled out in
- 5 the statute. There are both general conditions that apply
- 6 to almost all special exceptions and there are specific
- 7 conditions that apply to this type of special exception, a
- 8 telecommunications facility, and those conditions have to be
- 9 met by the applicant in order for it to be granted. So
- 10 that=s the general run of what it is, of how this proceeding
- 11 works and the nature of this request.
- Let me go through a few preliminary matters. Mr.
- 13 Hughes, I=d like, once again, if there are any updated plans
- 14 that come in, I=d like electronic copies of any updates and
- 15 any other text documents you submit of course or all other
- 16 evidence. I would ask that you have one of your witnesses
- 17 address the question of the condition of the site in view of
- 18 the DPS violation notice referred to in the Technical Staff
- 19 Report, Exhibit 20, page 4.
- By the way, Mr. Hockstra, did you get, have you
- 21 seen a copy of the Technical Staff Report? We refer to --
- 22 the Technical Staff Report is a report of the Technical
- 23 Staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
- 24 Commission. They review all, there are actually a number of
- 25 stages of review for this kind of an application. The first

- 1 is a review by the Tower Facilities Coordinating Committee,
- 2 also known as the Telecommunication Facilities Coordinating
- 3 Committee. We refer to it as the Tower Committee, and they
- 4 review the question of need in the, in the area.
- 5 Then it goes to, once the application for special
- 6 exception is filed with the Board of Appeals, it goes over
- 7 to our office, Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings.
- 8 It then is sent over to the Technical Staff of the
- 9 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.
- 10 They then look at all the issues, the land use issues that
- 11 surround the application and they produce a report. Have
- 12 you seen that report?
- MR. HOCKSTRA: No.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Well, let me make available
- 15 to you, I think there were extra copies.
- 16 MR. HOCKSTRA: The only thing they sent out,
- 17 right, the only thing they sent us in the mail was the
- 18 hearing is this date, some of the people, no addresses,
- 19 contact phone numbers.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Well, I ask them, there were
- 21 extra copies made of this.
- MR. HUGHES: The Staff Report.
- MR. GROSSMAN: The Staff Report.
- MR. HUGHES: I haven=t seen it in here, Mr.
- 25 Grossman. I can go get it from your office.

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1 MR. HOCKSTRA: Right. They wanted, I don=t know,
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- like 10 cents a page to make copies or whatever.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: No. I have them make, make some
- 4 copies.
- 5 MR. GORALSKI: I have an extra copy.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 7 MR. GORALSKI: If you want to hold onto it, that=s
- 8 fine.
- 9 MR. HUGHES: Is that okay, Mr. Grossman?
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: That=s fine.
- 11 MR. HUGHES: Here you are, sir.
- 12 MR. GROSSMAN: And I=m going to break for five
- 13 minutes to give you an opportunity to read that, Mr.
- 14 Hockstra, in a second. Let me just finish these preliminary
- 15 matters before I do that. The other thing is, and by the
- 16 way, I=m not necessarily suggesting that the violation
- 17 notice is any way the subject of this hearing because that
- 18 proceeds under a separate track. There was a, as I
- 19 understand from the Technical Staff Report, the Department
- of Permitting Services cited the subject cite as being in
- 21 violation of the zoning requirements for that cite in terms
- 22 of storing vehicles on it, and that=s a separate issue from
- 23 the proceeding here as to whether this telecommunications
- 24 facility is appropriate.
- 25 MR. HOCKSTRA: I thought they were both having to

- 1 do with zoning.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: They do in a way. Well, the one
- 3 deals with a violation of the Zoning Ordinance which is
- 4 reviewed by a court based on the violation notice. It=s not
- 5 before me and I=m not committed to rule on that because I
- 6 won=t have the evidence regarding that before me. The
- 7 evidence before me will be questions regarding the
- 8 telecommunications facility and whether the land use
- 9 requirements for a telecommunications facility are
- 10 appropriate. So it=s not an, it=s not something I=m
- 11 committed to rule on because it is going to be before a
- 12 different body to decide those issues. However, I would
- 13 like to have this record reflect what the situation is and
- there may conceivably be a condition requiring some things.
- 15 There always is a condition in our --
- 16 MR. HOCKSTRA: Right. I would think that you
- would want the property to be up to current zoning before
- 18 you do a special exemption decision.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, there=s always a condition in
- 20 special exceptions that says you have to be consistent with
- 21 all federal, state and local requirement so I think that
- 22 will be part of that, you know, in general in any event.
- 23 It=s just that I don=t litigate here the question of whether
- or not they are in violation in this other matter. That=s a
- 25 matter handled by Department of Permitting Services and

- 1 whatever their procedure is.
- In any event, also, there was a recommendation in
- 3 the Technical Staff Report, page 7, regarding landscaping.
- 4 They made two suggestions. They wanted natural local
- 5 species of plants in terms of screening and they wanted them
- 6 to be planted at heights sufficient to provide complete
- 7 screening of the, of the compound right from the beginning.
- 8 So I wanted you to have a witness address whether that will
- 9 be done and in what manner.
- 10 In that connection, I wanted to mention that the
- 11 Board Rule 7.2.6A requires that I keep this record open for
- 12 15 days after the hearing because the Technical Staff Report
- did not arrive here five days in advance of the hearing.
- MR. HUGHES: How many days was it, Mr. Grossman?
- 15 MR. GROSSMAN: Fifteen is what the rule says.
- MR. HUGHES: Oh, and it came five?
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: It did not come five days in
- 18 advance of the hearing. It came on the 13th and therefore,
- 19 we=re required to hold the record open 15 days. It
- 20 shouldn=t make a particular difference here because during
- 21 that period of time, if you are amending your landscape plan
- 22 to change the variety of trees or whatever, you can submit
- 23 that and that can be cleared and the record will close in 15
- 24 days which I, believe the 15th day actually falls on a
- 25 weekend so October 3 becomes the Monday following the 15th

- 1 day.
- 2 Are there any other preliminary or procedural
- 3 matters?
- 4 MR. HUGHES: Just whether you would like it now or
- 5 after the break, the Affidavit of Posting.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Let=s have that.
- 7 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Now that=s, you can show that to
- 9 Mr. Hockstra. That=s an affidavit by which the applicant
- 10 affirms that they have had a notice sign posted on the
- 11 premises for the required period of time.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: That will be Exhibit 21.
- 14 (Exhibit No. 21 was marked for
- identification.)
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Mr. Hockstra, do you
- 17 have any preliminary matters that you want to discuss? I
- 18 mean, this is not your testimony but I=m going to -- the
- 19 procedure we usually follow is the applicant puts on their
- 20 case, you, as I say, can cross-examine their witnesses if
- 21 you wish.
- 22 MR. HOCKSTRA: So is it you solely that makes the
- 23 decision or does it go --
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: I don=t make a decision in this
- 25 case. I make a, I create the record that is the record of

- 1 all the testimony and exhibits. It=s the record that I
- 2 create. I make a recommendation. The Board of Appeals, at
- 3 a work session, will make the decision in the case.
- 4 MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: And then that decision is
- 6 appealable if you wish to appeal it. You also, after I
- 7 issue my report, you have 10 days, if you wish, to, as does
- 8 the other side, to request oral argument before the Board of
- 9 Appeals and, 10 days from the date the report is issued.
- 10 And then if they grant oral argument, you=re not permitted
- 11 to go outside of the record. You can=t introduce new facts,
- 12 but you can argue if they allow argument. They may not
- 13 allow argument. They have the option of allowing it or not.
- 14 Do you have any other preliminary matters that you wish to
- 15 discuss before we get to this? In terms of --
- 16 MR. HOCKSTRA: You know, these guys do this all
- 17 the time.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: Right. No, I understand.
- 19 MR. HOCKSTRA: I=m only trying to learn. There=s
- 20 a little bit of a learning curve there.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: Sure. That=s why I=m going to give
- 22 you some time.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: I=m a little familiar with, you
- 24 know, some of the processes but not totally.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. That=s why I=m going to give

- 1 you time to read the Technical Staff Report so you=11 have
- 2 an idea of what we=re talking about here. And also, if you
- 3 have a scheduling issue, usually I ask the applicant if they
- 4 have any objection if you want to be heard first and not
- 5 have to wait around throughout the whole hearing hearing all
- 6 the witnesses. We usually let members of the community do
- 7 that with the consent of the applicant. So you can decide
- 8 on that after you read the report, and will that be enough
- 9 time, five minutes or so, to go through it?
- 10 MR. HOCKSTRA: Yeah. That=s fine.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. It=s about 5 of
- 12 10. We=11 come back at 10:00 and resume with the hearing.
- 13 (Whereupon, at 9:55 a.m., a brief recess was
- 14 taken.)
- 15 MR. GROSSMAN: Mr. Hockstra has now had the
- 16 opportunity to read the Technical Staff Report. These don=t
- 17 go to the Planning Board. It used to be that these would
- 18 go, after the Technical Staff, the Planning Board would
- 19 review them. That changed by when the statute, the Zoning
- 20 Ordinance was amended. So now they go from the Technical
- 21 Staff directly to us. All right. In any event, do you have
- 22 an opening statement you wish to make, Mr. Hughes?
- MR. HUGHES: Very brief. Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. You may do so.
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you. Good morning. We

1 appreciate the opportunity here on behalf of T-Mobile for

- 2 this requested telecom facility to increase the wireless
- 3 connectivity in and around this area for the residents, the
- 4 visitors, the businesses that are in the area and the
- 5 businesses that come to support the homes and farms in the
- 6 area for wireless phone but also for wireless high speed
- 7 internet.
- 8 We would note that we believe it=s a very good
- 9 cite, an appropriate cite and one that meets the Code. We
- 10 do note that the Tower Committee has reviewed this and did
- find a need as well for the service and that this proposed
- 12 cite was a reasonable cite. They looked at some of the
- other potential locations in the area including the Pepco
- lines that are nearby. Staff Report, we commend for being
- 15 quite thorough and detailed in going through the criteria.
- 16 We will have testimony later on to address the question
- 17 about the landscaping. We certainly -- there will be
- 18 testimony that we have no issue with the recommendation from
- 19 Planning Staff on page 7 in the last paragraph, and we
- 20 appreciate their recommendation of recommending approval as
- 21 well as the Tower Committee=s.
- 22 We note that wireless is a very valuable asset
- 23 now, I mean, most of our lives for essential, nonessential
- 24 and emergency communications and that there will be
- 25 testimony from our radio frequency engineer how this, what

- 1 the reliability is now and how it would be greatly enhanced
- for the people in the area. And we would note that we, we
- 3 believe that it will, this cite, which is proposed about 120
- 4 feet, 124 with a lightning rod, will blend in very nicely
- 5 with the Pepco lines and towers that run south at about 400
- 6 feet. They run east to west. You=11 see some photo sims.
- 7 They=re in the file.
- And so we hope that we can, we hope and believe
- 9 we=ll prove the case that shows we meet the criteria under
- 10 the County and under the leading special exception
- 11 conditional use cases. We appreciate the time for the
- 12 opening. Thank you.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Sure. And how many witnesses do
- 14 you plan to call today?
- MR. HUGHES: We are planning on having three, and
- 16 we have one witness I was going to hold back as a rebuttal
- 17 witness, Mr. Grossman.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And who are your
- 19 witnesses?
- MR. HUGHES: We will have, our first witness would
- 21 be Mr. Jacob Goralski from the civil engineering firm that
- 22 did the plan. Our second witness will be Ms. Hillorie
- 23 Morrison.
- MR. GROSSMAN: She=ll be testifying as an expert
- 25 in land use?

- 1 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 3 MR. HUGHES: And our third witness would be Mr.
- 4 Curtis Jews, radio frequency engineer.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 6 MR. HUGHES: And the fourth witness, as I think
- 7 you have in the documents, will be Mr. Oakleigh Thorne who I
- 8 think we would, I would have as a rebuttal if needed, sir.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And he=s an expert in
- 10 real estate appraisal if I recall?
- MR. HUGHES: Yes. Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Let me turn to Mr.
- 13 Hockstra.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Yes. I=m ready for opening
- 15 statement.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And do you wish, Mr.
- 17 Hockstra, to be, to have your testimony heard out of order,
- 18 that is now or do you wish to wait for the entire
- 19 proceedings?
- 20 MR. HOCKSTRA: I=d like to see most of the
- 21 proceedings but I=m not sure if there=s a time frame of how
- 22 long will it all take.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Usually, I would say it=s --
- 24 MR. HOCKSTRA: Well, again, another alternative to
- 25 possibly present or testify later on or is it a one-time

- 1 thing of where you=re asking me right now?
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: No, no. If at some point your
- 3 schedule becomes --
- 4 MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: -- squeezed and --
- 6 MR. HOCKSTRA: Well, I have to pick my daughter up
- 7 at 5:00.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Oh, no, no.
- 9 MR. HOCKSTRA: We=re not going to be here that
- 10 late.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: We hope that we=re done. We hope.
- 12 Usually, these cases take three hours or so, so you should
- 13 be okay on that but if a problem arises, you can always just
- 14 indicate that you have a problem and I=m sure we will be
- 15 able to squeeze you in.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay. Thank you.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And let me, since
- 18 you=re not an attorney, let me swear you in now so that your
- 19 opening statement or anything you make can be used as part
- 20 of whatever your statement is. So would you raise your
- 21 right hand, please?
- 22 (Witness sworn.)
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. You have an opening
- 24 statement. And once again, this is not your testimony but
- 25 just a brief summary of what you expect to prove.

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1 MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
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- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: So it=s usually a little bit of a,
- 3 once again, misnomer for --
- 4 MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay. Joshua Hockstra. I am an
- 5 adjoining property owner to the piece of property that=s
- 6 bringing this case before the County. I just want to voice
- 7 my concerns with the cell tower being in my backyard. We=ve
- 8 lived at the property for five years and if the cell tower
- 9 was there today, I don=t know if we would have bought the
- 10 lot and built a house there.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: I=m concerned about, you know,
- 13 whether or not T-Mobile actually needs a service there. Are
- 14 they just looking to try to profit off of leasing it off to
- 15 other mobile carriers whether or not it is the best
- 16 alternative spot to be put in the County. We are in a rural
- 17 cluster and it=s going to be a visual pollutant to myself
- 18 and adjoining property owners. We=re on the Triadelphia
- 19 Lake Watershed so all the people that come out there to get
- 20 out to the country in the rural area are going to be viewing
- 21 this tower. And I have cell phone coverage out at my house
- 22 that=s very good so --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Is that T-Mobile?
- MR. HOCKSTRA: No. It=s not T-Mobile. And also -
- 25 well, whether the court=s aware of it or not, T-Mobile is

1 in a merger acquisition right now with AT&T, so I just want

- 2 to put that in the record.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I=m aware of it because I
- 4 read newspapers but it=s not something that I can consider
- 5 as part of this. I have no --
- 6 MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: I have nothing in the record --
- 8 MR. HOCKSTRA: And I=m greatly concerned, you
- 9 know, depreciation of the property value.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Nothing in the record is
- 11 relevant to whether there=s a merger going on. I mean,
- 12 nothing that I can consider, you know, would include whether
- 13 or not there=s a merger. This is strictly a land use
- 14 evaluation.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. I=m sorry. What was your --
- 17 MR. HOCKSTRA: So like I stated -- right.
- MR. GROSSMAN: What was your last sentence?
- 19 MR. HOCKSTRA: I=m concerned about depreciation in
- 20 property value.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: Property value. All right. With
- those issues in mind, we=ll now turn back to Mr. Hughes.
- You wish to call your first witness, Mr. Hughes.
- 24 MR. HUGHES: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Grossman. Our
- 25 first witness will be Mr. Jacob Goralski.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Mr. Goralski.
- 2 MR. HUGHES: Can I just pull a chair around?
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. That would be fine.
- 4 MR. HUGHES: He=s going to swear you in.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Sure. And perhaps you could slide
- 6 that microphone down a bit. All right. Mr. Goralski, would
- 7 you raise your right hand, please?
- 8 (Witness sworn.)
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. You may proceed, Mr.
- 10 Hughes.
- 11 MR. HUGHES: Thank you very much.
- 12 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 14 Q Mr. Goralski, can you please tell us the name of
- 15 your employer?
- 16 A Allpro Consulting Group.
- 17 Q And can you tell us a little bit about your
- 18 profession, your line of work?
- 19 A Sure. Basically, we draw and kind of give you a,
- 20 I=m sorry, I=m a little nervous right now actually, but we,
- 21 we do cell phones, basically what you see here, for any
- 22 company, T-Mobile, Spring, AT&T.
- MR. GROSSMAN: What=s the address of your company?
- THE WITNESS: 9221 LBJ Freeway.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Where is that?

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1 THE WITNESS: Dallas, Texas.
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- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 3 THE WITNESS: 75243.
- 4 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 5 Q And is it an engineering firm that you work for?
- 6 A Yeah. It=s a civil engineering, and we do A&E
- 7 drawings which is architectural and electrical.
- 8 Q Can you tell us a little bit about your
- 9 educational background, sir?
- 10 A Yeah. Texas Tech, engineering, civil engineering.
- 11 Graduated in 2007.
- 12 O Thank you. And --
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: Do you have a resume for --
- MR. HUGHES: Absolutely. Yes. Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- MR. HUGHES: I=m going to get, just about ready to
- 17 get to that, Mr. Grossman.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 19 Q Can you tell us about any professional training
- that you=ve had or you have ongoing?
- 21 A Well, yeah. I=m state certified EIT.
- 22 Basically --
- MR. GROSSMAN: State, what state?
- THE WITNESS: Texas. The State of Texas.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: Are you certified in Maryland, too?

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1 THE WITNESS: I can be but not for EIT.
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- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 3 Q Can you explain what EIT is for Mr. Grossman?
- 4 A Sure. Let me explain that. EIT is we take a
- 5 test, it=s an eight hour exam, on a Saturday that basically
- 6 goes over everything we=ve learned in college and starts
- our, it=s like an apprenticeship of engineering. And we
- 8 work underneath a professional engineer for four to five
- 9 years with my bachelor=s and then from there, I take another
- 10 test and submit a resume of all the work I=ve ever done
- 11 under the PE and then I could take another test to get my PE
- 12 in the State of Texas. And from there, it can reciprocate
- 13 to Maryland which is what my boss has done to get his stamp.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, you pointed to something. I
- 15 take it -- is that an exhibit, Mr. Hughes?
- 16 THE WITNESS: Oh, I apologize.
- MR. HUGHES: Yes. That=s the, we=ll talk about it
- 18 more but, yes, that is the plan that was submitted as part
- 19 of the application, sir. Exhibit, that would be Exhibit 4.
- MR. GROSSMAN: So that=s the, your exhibit where
- 21 you have 4A --
- MR. HUGHES: Yes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: -- through F. Which one is that,
- 24 the title sheet?
- THE WITNESS: It = s the C one, overall site plan.

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1 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. The overall site plan is 4C
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- 2 and, Exhibit 4C, and you=re saying your boss -- who is your
- 3 boss?
- 4 THE WITNESS: Raj Sehgal.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: S-E-G-A-L?
- 6 THE WITNESS: S-E-H-G-A-L.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And he=s --
- 8 THE WITNESS: He=s a registered professional
- 9 engineer in the State of Maryland.
- MR. GROSSMAN: You said you=re, you are registered
- 11 as a professional engineer in the State of Texas did you
- 12 say?
- 13 THE WITNESS: Negative. Engineer in training.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Engineer in training.
- THE WITNESS: Yes. EIT. And --
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 17 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 18 Q I=d like to provide a document for you to look at,
- 19 Mr. Goralski. Could you identify this document?
- 20 A Yes.
- Q What is it, please?
- 22 A It is my resume.
- 23 Q Okay.
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Let=s mark this as
- 25 Exhibit 22.

1	(Exhibit No. 22 was marked for
2	identification.)
3	MR. GROSSMAN: It=s Goralski or
4	THE WITNESS: Yes. Goralski.
5	BY MR. HUGHES:
6	Q Mr. Goralski, can you tell us a little bit about
7	the type of work that you do now and have done in the past
8	few years?
9	A Sure. A lot of my involvement in these T-Mobile
10	Northeast projects, we=ll get specific on those, has to do
11	with if there=s any issues with zoning and civil problems
12	such as runoff. A lot of times, these sites will have a lot
13	of gravel that=s put down and they=ll go into another type
14	of I guess zoning period where I have to explain what we=re
15	going to do with runoff and stuff like that. That=s where
16	my expertise came in at first but after a few years of
17	working there, I go through and learned how to set up
18	certain sites, how to make them, you know, go through zoning
19	and get approved for construction.
20	I do that also, and I design cell phone towers
21	themselves, actually do the design work for failure for
22	stress ratios, stuff like that, and co-locations, a lot of
23	stuff like that. People will come and go on a site that=s
24	existing and I=ll do an analysis of whether or not it will
25	pass Code.

1 MR. GROSSMAN: And then it=s reviewed by Mr.

- 2 Sehgal?
- THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: And certified?
- 5 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 7 Q And so it=s true you=ve worked on this site for T-
- 8 Mobile?
- 9 A Absolutely.
- 10 Q And your view, you were --
- 11 A Involved.
- 12 Q -- involved in the drawings of the site.
- 13 A Yes, sir.
- 14 Q If this is one site, how many sites like this have
- 15 you worked on during your professional career for telecom
- 16 type sites?
- 17 A Total, I mean, I can see probably two to four of
- 18 these a day so my involvement, I would say I=ve seen, I=ve
- worked on probably 1,000, at least 1,000 sites.
- 20 Q Okay. So you=ve worked on the T-Mobile project
- 21 and you=ve worked on other similar wireless company=s
- 22 projects.
- A Absolutely.
- MR. HUGHES: Mr. Grossman, I=d like to offer him
- 25 as an expert in the civil side of designing telecom

- 1 facilities.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: As an expert in site design in
- 3 telecom facilities?
- 4 MR. HUGHES: From the civil side, yes, sir. Not
- 5 from the radio frequency side.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: In the civil engineering side.
- 7 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: You=re not offering him as an
- 9 expert in civil engineering but as an expert in site design
- 10 of telecommunication facilities.
- 11 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Let me explain this part of the
- 13 process to Mr. Hockstra. We have -- when somebody is
- 14 proffered as an expert, we have what we call a voir dire.
- 15 That is we allow the examination of the witness to determine
- 16 his level of expertise and then the, I have to make a
- 17 decision as to whether or not he has established a
- 18 sufficient knowledge beyond the can of laypeople so that,
- 19 which would be of assistance to the fact finder in making a
- 20 decision in this case. That=s the nature of an expert.
- 21 As part of this process, we have this voir dire
- 22 and he states what his expertise is and then you=re given
- 23 the opportunity to cross-examine him just on that area, that
- is the question of his expertise, before we decide whether
- 25 or not he should be certified as an expert. And an expert,

- 1 in the context of litigation, doesn=t have to be somebody
- 2 who is noted in the field or who has a specific degree. If
- 3 they have knowledge in a field that is beyond the can of
- 4 laymen and they can offer evidence that will be of
- 5 assistance to the fact finder, they can be certified as an
- 6 expert, so that=s generally the standard.
- 7 Let me ask you first, Mr. Goralski, have you ever
- 8 testified as an expert before?
- 9 THE WITNESS: No, I have not.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So this will be your first
- 11 time.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. And you said you=ve worked
- 14 on perhaps thousands of sites. What exactly have you done
- on these thousands of sites?
- 16 THE WITNESS: Well, generally, I=11 redline and --
- MR. GROSSMAN: What does that mean?
- 18 THE WITNESS: That means I=ll -- we, my company
- 19 consists of about 12/15 drafters in our building and they=11
- 20 do, allow the drafting and allow their expertise, their
- 21 knowledge is and put it together, and then I=ll get a set of
- 22 plans and I=ll look them over and make, and start redline
- 23 which means finding mistakes, making sure that they=11 be
- good to go for the City or the County to assess. And so
- 25 that way, I=ll make the process a lot faster for our

- 1 clients.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: So somebody else has drawn up the
- 3 plans for the site in general?
- 4 THE WITNESS: I have a project manager, a project
- 5 manager. In this case, his name is Ryan Madlock (phonetic
- 6 sp.) for this site.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 8 THE WITNESS: And he also is an expert but he=s
- 9 not a civil engineer. And under our supervision, he=s
- 10 drawing the sites.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: So you say our supervision. So he
- 12 drew up the site plans here under your supervision as a
- 13 civil engineer. Is that what you=re saying?
- 14 THE WITNESS: Under mine and my boss= as well, so
- 15 I=ll --
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: Of course meaning Mr. Sehgal.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I see.
- 19 THE WITNESS: And so we have like kind of a
- 20 hierarchy where me and my project manager will draw up a
- 21 site and make sure it=s good. Then they=ll get his blessing
- 22 before it=s final.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So now going back to your
- 24 experience on this area because you=ve been offered as an
- 25 expert in site design in telecommunications facilities, how

1 many of these telecommunications sites have you actually

- done this review on you=re talking about?
- 3 THE WITNESS: Do you want me to be like specific
- 4 to this area or --
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, all right. Let=s take
- 6 specific to this area first. Well, don=t interrupt. You=re
- 7 going to get an opportunity to ask questions. Let=s do
- 8 specific to this area first.
- 9 THE WITNESS: For the State of Maryland?
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Let=s do the State of
- 11 Maryland.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Okay. I would estimate 25 to 30.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And how about in
- 14 Montgomery County?
- THE WITNESS: That, I=m not sure of.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: Do you have an estimate?
- 17 THE WITNESS: Probably in the single digits.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Of the 25 sites in
- 19 Maryland that you worked on, how many, if any, have been
- 20 approved by the zoning authorities?
- 21 THE WITNESS: Well, most of them.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. How about in Montgomery
- 23 County?
- 24 THE WITNESS: I=m not sure.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Now, let=s take

- 1 overall, not just Maryland or Montgomery County. Overall,
- 2 how many of these have you actually reviewed in this
- 3 fashion?
- THE WITNESS: That=s a large, that=s that large
- 5 number.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Thousands?
- 7 THE WITNESS: Thousands, yeah.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Because some of these sites I also
- 10 do draw up myself. I don=t draw all of them, you know,
- 11 that=s --
- MR. GROSSMAN: You didn=t actually draw this one
- 13 up.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. By this one, I mean the
- 16 case that=s before me.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Specifically. But I have worked on
- 18 it.
- 19 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Mr. Hockstra, do you
- 20 have questions of this witness regarding his expertise?
- 21 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 23 Q Are you an employee for Allpro or are you a
- 24 subcontractor for them?
- 25 A I am an employee.

- 1 Q Okay.
- 2 A We are a subcontractor for T-Mobile.
- 3 Q Okay. I guess Mr. Grossman, I think he asked, the
- 4 question was you=re not sure if you=ve done any approvals
- 5 for cell towers in Montgomery County.
- 6 A Yeah. I=m not sure.
- 7 Q So you may be an expert in the field but are you
- 8 an expert in Montgomery County for getting a cell phone,
- 9 doing a civil engineer?
- 10 A Well, it=s --
- 11 MR. HUGHES: Objection.
- MR. GROSSMAN: What=s your objection?
- 13 MR. HUGHES: I don=t know if it=s for him to
- 14 conclude whether he=s an expert. I think that=s up to Mr.
- 15 Grossman.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: I think that=s fair within the
- 17 realm of questions. I=m going to overrule --
- MR. HUGHES: I just didn=t want him to be --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right. I=m going to overrule the
- 20 objection. You can, you can answer that.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Okay. Well, I wouldn=t say I=m an
- 22 expert specifically for Montgomery County because that
- 23 doesn=t make me a valuable engineer. I=ve got to be for the
- 24 State of Maryland. And so I go by a code for the State of
- 25 Maryland and there are specific codes for Montgomery County

1 that we will follow, but to say that I=ve sat down and read

- 2 every line of it, no, but I have read a lot of it for the
- 3 State of Maryland which reaches out and basically defines a
- 4 lot of criteria for every county.
- Basically, we=ll go through this process and we=ll
- 6 get a lot of feedback from the County and it will change our
- 7 plans however we need to. I don=t know -- we should touch
- 8 base on the landscape plan, but like what=s been in the
- 9 thing there for changing up the, the landscape for the
- 10 trees, that=s one of the things that we take what we=ve done
- 11 in the past for other counties and use in other counties as
- 12 well. So the trees that we put in a different site work
- 13 there but they=re not specific for this certain area which
- 14 is fine.
- MR. GROSSMAN: They=re not native species here.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Exactly. So to say that
- 17 specifically for Montgomery County, no, I can=t but for the
- 18 State of Maryland, yes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- THE WITNESS: Absolutely.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Mr. Hockstra?
- BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 23 Q What=s your license number for the State of
- 24 Maryland?
- 25 A I don=t have one.

- 1 Q Oh, you don=t.
- 2 A My boss does.
- Q Okay.
- 4 A Would you like his?
- 5 Q Yeah. I guess in order to be an expert in the
- 6 State of Maryland, I think it=s relative that you have a
- 7 license number and it=s up to date.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: It=s relevant, certainly, whether
- 9 he=s licensed. I=m a little bit surprised that the person
- 10 is being called who is an engineer in training as opposed to
- 11 somebody who is licensed as an engineer. However, as I
- 12 mentioned earlier, an expert in court proceedings or any
- 13 litigation doesn=t have to be somebody who is licensed. The
- 14 crucial points are that they have knowledge that they can,
- 15 that they do have knowledge that is beyond the can of laymen
- in the area that they=re testifying and that they can offer
- 17 evidence that will be of assistance to the fact finder in
- 18 making the decision.
- 19 So that=s really, as I say, I understand your
- 20 concern and that=s a legitimate concern. On the other hand,
- 21 I have to decide whether or not he has some expertise in
- 22 site design, not specifically engineering. They=re not
- offering him specifically as an engineering expert. They=re
- offering him as an expert in the site design of
- 25 telecommunications facilities so that=s what I=m going to

- 1 address.
- 2 MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Do you have any additional
- 4 questions?
- 5 MR. HOCKSTRA: No. No more additional questions.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Any redirect on this
- 7 point?
- 8 MR. HUGHES: No. No, sir.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, once again, I -- certainly it
- 10 would be better if we had somebody who was certified as a
- 11 civil engineer since he=s fundamentally talking about
- 12 engineering matters but I do find that Mr. Goralski has
- 13 expertise in the site design of telecommunications
- 14 facilities and so I will accept him as an expert in such.
- 15 And then the rest of the, his testimony, the question of
- 16 whether he=s licensed and what level he is and the fact he=s
- 17 an engineer in training, that will go to the weight that I
- 18 give his evidence. All right. You may proceed, Mr. Hughes.
- 19 MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Grossman.
- 20 DIRECT EXAMINATION (Continued)
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 22 Q I=m going to ask you if you=re able to identify a
- 23 document which I believe is already in the record as, under
- 24 4 which is a drawing.
- 25 MR. HUGHES: Would you like a small version, Mr.

- 1 Grossman?
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Thank you.
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q Do you recognize this document?
- 5 A Yes, sir.
- 6 Q And could you tell us what it is?
- 7 A This is our zoning drawings for Sunshine Farm.
- 8 Q And what=s the date on that and where do you find
- 9 the date on these drawings?
- 10 A It=s going to be in your title bar on the right-
- 11 hand side. The last time these were put into the County is
- 12 on April 5th, 2011.
- 13 O You can stand here so they can --
- 14 A Absolutely.
- 15 O Thank you.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So let me, I=m going to
- 17 mark the small version of that. I take it that the small
- 18 version that you=ve just given me, the 11 x 17 --
- 19 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: -- is exact copy of 4A through F.
- MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: So let me mark then as Exhibit 23,
- I presume it will be A through F, and that will be 11×17
- 24 copies of Exhibit 4. Okay. I guess to make them up
- 25 properly, we ought to do A is the survey plat; B is the

1 enlarged site plan; 23C is the overall site plan. You don=t

- 2 have to mark the -- I=m just keeping the same lettering
- 3 consistent with Exhibit 4 is all. 23E --
- 4 MR. HUGHES: And, Mr. Grossman, if you=re okay
- 5 with it --
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Hold on, hold on one second.
- 7 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: 23E is the landscape plan and 23E
- 9 is the title sheet. Okay.
- 10 (Exhibit No. 23 was marked for
- identification.)
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you. If it=s all right, we=re
- just going to mark this so he, to help him make sure he can
- 14 explain what page he=s on.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Fair enough.
- 16 MR. HUGHES: And we won=t introduce the large one
- 17 because I think you already have one.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: That=s correct.
- MR. HUGHES: I think you have enough paper
- 20 probably.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: Probably. Usually we do.
- MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 24 Q Can you explain, utilizing the exhibit, the
- 25 drawing, can you explain the design here, and tell us what

1 sheet you=re on, what is the letter so we all can follow it?

- 2 A This is C.
- Q C. And it=s labeled on the bottom of the page to
- 4 help, the other side, as C-1, is that correct?
- 5 A Yes, sir.
- 6 Q So can you explain to us, kind of paint the
- 7 picture as to how this is designed on the property, how you
- 8 access it, et cetera.
- 9 A Sure. Georgia Avenue is going to be your main
- 10 road. There=s an existing entrance into the Sunshine Farm
- 11 facility and there is a small tree line or a berm I guess.
- 12 They=re pretty tall. I would say taller than what the
- proposed fence line would be. And the road coming in
- 14 will --
- 15 MR. GROSSMAN: Is that existing or is that
- 16 planned?
- 17 THE WITNESS: It=s existing.
- 18 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Yeah. And we=re going to go, our
- 20 back of the fence will be along that tree line.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 23 Q And is it correct that the facility is on the east
- 24 side of that existing tree line?
- 25 A Yes.

1 Q And we may have more testimony about the trees and

- 2 in fact, I think the Staff Report talks about the height of
- 3 those trees.
- 4 A We=ll touch on that.
- 5 Q I apologize.
- 6 A Certainly. So the only part that we=re going to
- 7 be filling in is right here where you=re going to make a
- 8 right turn. After coming all the way in, you=re going to
- 9 make a right turn.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: You said right here. So that the
- 11 record is clear, where is the right here that you=re
- 12 referring to?
- 13 THE WITNESS: Specifically, I would say about,
- 14 about 200 feet --
- 15 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 16 Q Is there something on the plan though that, is it
- just below where it says in the middle of the page, proposed
- 18 20 foot wide access and utility easement? Is it just below
- 19 that you=re talking about?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Okay.
- 22 A Yeah.
- 23 Q And when you say you=re adding here, you mean
- 24 you=re going to add a little bit of an access road, is that
- 25 correct?

- 1 A Yes. It=s going to be a gravel road.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 3 THE WITNESS: It=s pretty standard, crushed
- 4 limestone. And there=s going to be a turnaround before the
- 5 actual compound itself, and that=s standard also, and go
- 6 right up to the site.
- 7 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 8 Q And can you discuss the setbacks and where they=re
- 9 shown on the plan?
- 10 A Sure. What we showed here is all your deeds and
- 11 properties. This was a survey done probably back in
- 12 2009/2010. And our setbacks, you=11 see, you know, drawn
- 13 lines. You go 729 feet to the north, 1,121 feet to the
- east, 393 feet to the south of the Pepco, that=s their
- 15 easement, not to the tower but to their easement, and then
- 16 429 feet to the west, Georgia Avenue.
- 17 Q To Georgia Avenue, okay.
- 18 A Yeah.
- 19 Q And does your plan also show the names of the
- 20 adjoining confronting property owners?
- 21 A Yes. Absolutely. They will be in bold here.
- 22 Q Okay.
- A Neilson (phonetic sp.).
- Q Okay. All right. And so based upon the setbacks
- 25 that you show to get off the property, it=s fair to say then

1 that there are no offsite dwellings within 300 feet.

- 2 A Absolutely not.
- 3 Q Do you know roughly how far the closest house
- 4 might be, offsite property, if you do?
- 5 A Yeah, I do. We looked it up and I believe the
- 6 neighbor would be to the northeast, I=m sorry, northwest,
- 7 across the street. I would say the entrance into Sunshine
- 8 Farms, just west of that, there is a dwelling and I believe
- 9 it is a home, and from there to the center of the pole, I
- 10 estimate about 625 feet.
- 11 O Okay.
- 12 A So definitely more than --
- 0 More than 300 feet.
- 14 A Absolutely.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Is that, I see something on the, on
- this exhibit, Exhibit 23C, that says 429 feet. Is that to
- 17 the road?
- 18 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Is there an exhibit that
- 20 shows the closest residence or is that just --
- 21 THE WITNESS: We can show that in an aerial.
- 22 MR. HUGHES: But it=s not shown on this, no, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 24 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 25 Q Is it true that part of the reason we didn=t do it

1 is because just on the property itself, it=s more than 300

- 2 feet?
- 3 A Exactly.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Which is the statutory
- 5 number.
- 6 MR. HUGHES: Right.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: And so all right. So you=re saying
- 8 the closest home is how many feet did you say, 600 and --
- 9 THE WITNESS: 625.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: 625 feet to the northwest.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Um-hum.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And that=s from the pole itself.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 14 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. While we=re talking
- 15 about distances to the nearest homes, can you tell me how
- 16 far you are from Mr. Hockstra=s home?
- 17 THE WITNESS: I cannot.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: Mr. Hockstra, where are you
- 19 located? Are you on this?
- 20 MR. HOCKSTRA: No. Right. This site plan is
- 21 incorrect because I=m an adjoining property owner that=s not
- 22 on here, so this evidence for this exhibit is incorrect.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Well, where are you on this,
- or where is your home?
- 25 MR. HOCKSTRA: I would be right up there to the

- 1 right of the north 690 degree, 57 feet, 28 inches east,
- 2 322.61 feet or 61 inches. Right there to the right of Hood,
- 3 Steven property.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So you=re not on there.
- 5 They have Hood, Steven and they have Glatt (phonetic sp.),
- 6 and you-d be between Hood and Glatt where they have the box
- 7 saying 120 foot monopole setback?
- 8 MR. HOCKSTRA: Um-hum.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. I=m not sure
- 10 that that=s, that those are incorrect. They=re just not
- 11 showing you in addition to that.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: I thought he, I thought he said
- 13 this shows all the adjoining property owners in his
- 14 testimony.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 16 O Is it true that your, this is what your record
- 17 shows. Is it possible that the gentleman here is very close
- 18 but may not actually touch the property? Is that your --
- 19 A That, that would be -- yeah. Absolutely.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: I can guarantee to a fact that my
- 21 property is staked and I adjoin the property of Sunshine LLC
- 22 Farms.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Well, we=ll deal with
- that also but in any event, we=11 let him go on with his
- 25 testimony now. Okay.

- 1 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 2 Q And could you explain, and if you have to use
- 3 another page, please do, can you explain with a little more
- 4 detail what the actual telecom compound will be, how it=s
- 5 going to be designed?
- 6 A Sure.
- 7 Q And then let us know what page you=re going to go
- 8 to.
- 9 A We=re going to flip over to, I believe it=s
- 10 Exhibit D on here which is -- okay. This says C2 down on
- 11 the title bar.
- 12 MR. GROSSMAN: Which is 23B.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Or 4B.
- THE WITNESS: There, as you can see, the gravel
- 16 road will come right to the site and allow for two parking
- 17 spots. This is for maintenance and future, you know,
- 18 anybody that wants to come and do any repairs or whatever.
- 19 This will be chain link fence all the way around the
- 20 compound. We do 50×50 here.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: You say here. You have to identify
- 22 where you=re talking about.
- THE WITNESS: I=m sorry. 50 x 50 all the way
- around the site, or 50 feet square.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.

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1 THE WITNESS: Standard. The fence is going to go
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- 2 up into the tree line and --
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: How tall is that fence?
- 4 THE WITNESS: It is eight feet?
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, don=t ask me. You tell me.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 7 Q It should be somewhere on the plan, right?
- 8 A It=s a six foot chain link fence. I=m sorry.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Being proposed. And so we=re not
- 11 proposing to cut down any trees. In fact, there=s no
- 12 vegetation here and --
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: No vegetation here being where?
- 14 THE WITNESS: Where we=re proposing our site.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 16 THE WITNESS: And so in addition to this, we=re
- 17 also going to propose a landscape plan which is in the Staff
- 18 Report that the, we need to do vegetation that is --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 20 THE WITNESS: -- current.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 22 Q And what else is proposed to be inside the fence,
- 50×50 compound?
- 24 A Sure. We=re going to put the monopole in the
- 25 center and the proposed T-Mobile on the east side of it.

- 1 Q Their ground equipment, is that correct?
- 2 A Yes. It=s going to be a concrete slab.
- 3 Q And do you have plans, do you have design for
- 4 other future carriers?
- 5 A Absolutely. We have room on each side of the
- 6 tower for that.
- 7 Q And so how many does it show inside, future
- 8 carriers, potential future carriers right now? How many
- 9 does it show?
- 10 A Three. Excluding T-Mobile, three new ones.
- 11 O Okay.
- 12 MR. GROSSMAN: I see three locations there. One
- is located, it says future on it and then one says BTS-2 and
- one says BTS-1. First of all -- and then I see other things
- in there. Would you identify what these, exactly what these
- 16 cabinets are or what these structures are inside of the
- 17 compound?
- 18 THE WITNESS: Absolutely. The BTS is T-Mobile=s
- 19 computer. It=s their outdoor equipment.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. What does BTS stand
- 21 for?
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 23 Q If you=re not sure, say you=re not sure.
- 24 A Yeah. I=m not sure. That would be RF.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.

- 1 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 2 Q When you say RF, radio frequency engineer --
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q -- testimony?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And so you=re saying
- 7 the BTS cabinets are T-Mobile=s?
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: I see two of those.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Um-hum.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: And then I see one labeled future.
- 12 THE WITNESS: It=s depending on capacity as far as
- 13 subscribers in the area.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And I see something
- labeled proposed BBU, B as in boy, B as in boy, U as in
- 16 unified, cabinet. What is that?
- 17 THE WITNESS: Battery backup.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So that=s part of your
- 19 operation, is that correct?
- THE WITNESS: Correct.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And then --
- 22 THE WITNESS: Everything that=s going to be on
- 23 this proposed 10 x 20 concrete pad will be T-Mobile=s
- 24 property.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And then I see in the

- 1 northeast corner of the concrete pad, it says proposed H
- 2 frame with PPC unit. What is that? Halogen light and per
- 3 cell unit. What does that mean?
- 4 THE WITNESS: The PPC unit is your power
- 5 protection. They=re going to run your power source onto a
- 6 meter which is located east of the concrete pad. It=s label
- 7 is proposed four (indiscernible) utility rack. And so your
- 8 service will go there and then from there, the power is
- 9 going to go into that PPC unit.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 11 THE WITNESS: That is T-Mobile=s. I guess how
- 12 they explain it, they=ll have like a 200 amp service and
- 13 from there, they can separate breakers. So it=s a power
- 14 protection.
- MR. GROSSMAN: The halogen light, is that the only
- 16 light that will be on the facility?
- 17 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: Will that be lighted at all times
- 19 or just --
- 20 THE WITNESS: Only during service. There will be
- 21 a switch for it.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 23 THE WITNESS: And it will be directed down at the
- 24 ground, not up in the air.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: Are there any lights at all planned

- 1 for the tower itself?
- THE WITNESS: No.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. And then I see, it looks
- 4 like it=s off the pad but within the compound, something
- 5 labeled proposed Mesa cabinet on concrete pad. Well, it
- 6 says on concrete pad. It has its own concrete pad. What is
- 7 a Mesa cabinet?
- 8 THE WITNESS: I believe in this instance, it=s a
- 9 fiber box.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: What does that mean?
- 11 THE WITNESS: It is when they bring in service for
- 12 your telephone and your high-speed internet. It=s a
- 13 separate company. Basically, we=ll bring in, it=s just like
- 14 the power service, bring it in from offsite. It=s called
- 15 Telco. The telephone, your fax, internet will go to there
- and then from there, it will go into the BTS.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Do we know what Mesa
- 18 means?
- 19 THE WITNESS: I do not.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 21 MR. HUGHES: That=s been a tough question for all
- 22 of us.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Somebody, Mr. Hughes, ought to
- 24 figure that out when they do the plans up next time, or not
- 25 put the word on.

- 1 MR. HUGHES: I think you=re right. We=ve gone
- 2 through all the way up to corporate on this, but you=re
- 3 right.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: But somebody had to figure it out
- 5 to put the word on in the first place.
- 6 MR. HUGHES: You=re absolutely right.
- 7 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I think it means table.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, it does but not in English.
- 9 MR. HUGHES: Right.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So where on this, on this
- 11 compound is there the location for the additional carriers?
- THE WITNESS: Well, in reference to the monopole
- itself, you=ll have additional space just to the north.
- 14 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 15 Q And can you tell us how that=s marked on the plan?
- 16 What does it say?
- 17 A Absolutely. It says future carrier, 10 x 15.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 19 THE WITNESS: And again, they=re to the north, to
- 20 the west and to the south.
- 21 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 22 Q And it=s identified by the same wording, is that
- 23 correct, in a box?
- 24 A With the same, in a box that is different line
- 25 style.

1 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So they=d be on their own

- 2 concrete pads.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Yes. Or a shelter.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 5 THE WITNESS: But that=s future.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 7 Q It depends on which carriers come along, is that
- 8 correct?
- 9 A Correct.
- 10 Q Is a 50 x 50, 2500 square feet, is that kind of a
- 11 standard size in your experience?
- 12 A Absolutely. For T-Mobile towers, it is.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: And I should correct myself. Mesa
- 14 is an English word too for a flat mountaintop but in any
- 15 event -- in terms of the size of these other, I notice
- 16 they=re smaller than the concrete pad that you plan for T-
- 17 Mobile. Is that some kind of macho thing or is that -- why
- 18 is it that their concrete pads or locations are smaller than
- 19 yours.
- 20 THE WITNESS: There, there is no reason that I can
- 21 think of besides maybe what you said.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: But the compound is actually large
- 23 enough to handle three additional carriers should they,
- should they be co-located?
- THE WITNESS: Absolutely.

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1 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right.
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- 2 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 3 Q And, sir, can you also identify in your drawing
- 4 what the pole will actually look like and if it=s designed
- 5 for additional slots on the pole?
- 6 A Absolutely. We=re going to flip to the next page
- 7 which on mine is C-3. I don=t know --
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. C-3 is Exhibit --
- 9 MR. HUGHES: D probably, right? Elevations?
- 10 MS. MORRISON: Is that the elevation page? That=s
- 11 D, yes.
- 12 THE WITNESS: D.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. Elevations is 4D and 23D.
- 14 For some reason I didn=t label it.
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 16 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 17 Q Can you explain if you have a drawing on this page
- 18 of what the proposed pole will look like and what could be
- on it or is proposed on it?
- 20 A Sure. On the left-hand side of the sheet, you=11
- 21 see, on Exhibit 1, on the sheet tower elevation, you=11
- 22 notice there=s a drawing on the base which kind of depicts
- 23 what it will look like in the front of the monopole. And
- 24 this is looking west. So if you=re standing east of the
- 25 site and looking west, this is what you=ll see. Basically,

1 it=s your 124, or 121 foot monopole and T-Mobile would go on

- 2 top.
- 3 Q I=m sorry.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: I think it=s 100 and --
- 5 THE WITNESS: I=m sorry.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: 120 foot according to this.
- 7 THE WITNESS: 120 foot.
- 8 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I apologize.
- 10 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 11 Q And then I=m sorry. I interrupted you. After the
- 12 120 foot pole, and then what did you say?
- 13 A Yeah. That=s where T-Mobile propose to,
- 14 Obviously, they built the tower. They want the top right
- 15 and center.
- 16 O Okay.
- 17 A And then below that is where other future carriers
- 18 will go.
- 19 Q As noted on the plan.
- 20 A As noted on the plan.
- 21 Q And I think you started to mention there=s a, on
- 22 the top left-hand corner of this, on the tower elevation,
- you have something noted, proposed four foot lightening rod.
- 24 Is that correct?
- 25 A Absolutely.

- 1 Q Okay.
- A And what that does is provide, you know,
- 3 grounding. Well, not -- protection from lightening of
- 4 course.
- 5 Q Okay. Thank you.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: I assume also since your, your
- 7 antenna would be on the very top of the tower and the actual
- 8 antenna stretch above the level of the 120 feet, so the
- 9 antenna themselves look like they get up to, if not to 124
- 10 feet, then pretty darn close to 124 feet, is that correct?
- 11 THE WITNESS: I -- well, that would assume that
- 12 it=s an eight foot antenna.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 14 THE WITNESS: It is not what we are proposing. We
- 15 are proposing a 59 inch which is --
- 16 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 17 Q So this is not to scale so that=s why it may be --
- 18 A Yes. Yeah. I apologize about that.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So that=s going to go
- about 30, almost 30 inches above the top which is not quite
- 21 three feet.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right.
- 24 THE WITNESS: They will not be above the proposed
- 25 lightening rod.

- 1 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 2 Q And can you explain the type of platform design
- 3 here? Is there going to be a platform or is there going to
- 4 be the antenna attached in another fashion?
- 5 A Well, here we=re proposing the T-Arms.
- 6 Q Can you explain what a T-Arm is?
- 7 A Sure. It=s a steel member that will go onto the,
- 8 welded onto the top of the tower.
- 9 Q And are you pointing right now to what=s on that
- 10 same page, the right-hand side where it says antenna plan?
- 11 A Yeah. Number 3 on our plan.
- 12 O Okay.
- 13 A And basically, they=ll stick out. That way, they
- 14 can get some coverage away from the antenna, and you=11 try
- 15 and hit three sectors. And that=s pretty standard in this
- 16 business, alpha, beta, gamma. And so here, these T-Arms are
- 17 about 12 feet in length, or in width, and they=ll come out
- 18 about three feet, of five feet. I=m sorry. It just depends
- 19 on what model. We haven=t specified. We kind of let that
- 20 up to the construction manager, whatever they want to use.
- 21 Q And this is different than, a lot of monopoles,
- 22 including T-Mobile=s, often have a platform that you can,
- 23 have a little more steel involved and you can actually walk
- 24 around, is that correct?
- 25 A Correct. Either way is good. It just depends on

- 1 what RF would like to do. He can kind of explain why we
- 2 went with this design. He would have more knowledge than I
- 3 would.
- 4 O Okay.
- 5 A It=s pretty standard. You have two antennas, or
- 6 actually, here, we=re just doing one for now and then you=ll
- 7 have your future and obviously, there can be future in the
- 8 middle as well but it=s just depending on what T-Mobile
- 9 would like to do.
- 10 Q Thank you.
- 11 MR. HUGHES: Those would be my questions for him,
- 12 Mr. Grossman.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Mr. Hockstra, do you
- 14 have questions of this witness?
- 15 CROSS-EXAMINATION (Continued)
- 16 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 17 Q How did you determine that location for the
- 18 monopole on the site plan?
- 19 A Well, it=s a good question. Basically, we try to
- 20 find a site that is good for coverage for an RF standpoint
- 21 and that is meeting the satisfaction of the landowner.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: RF meaning radio frequency?
- 23 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. And the landowner. That
- 24 way he=s happy and he wants it in a place where we could put
- 25 it as well. Also, we try to limit the access drive itself.

1 We don=t want to, you know, build a long road or anything

- 2 like that.
- 3 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 4 Q So you don=t take into account adjoining property
- 5 owners per the location? You said you locate it per the
- 6 landowner but what about adjoining property owners?
- 7 A Well, in this case, no, we did not.
- 8 Q Okay. Don=t you think that would have been
- 9 important, to place it per some of the joint property -- my
- 10 concern would be, or I=ll show you.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, before you have your concern,
- 12 ask your question.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Don=t you think it would be
- 15 important -- finish your question. Let him --
- 16 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 17 Q Don=t you think it would be important maybe to put
- 18 it closer to your, you know, Pepco electric poles? Right
- 19 now you=re showing it 393 feet away. Why not put it closer?
- MR. GROSSMAN: That=s a great question.
- BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 22 Q Why not put it further back on the property in the
- 23 corner more off the street?
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, one question at a time.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.

1 MR. GROSSMAN: Why not put it closer to the Pepco

- 2 lines?
- 3 THE WITNESS: We have to keep a certain distance
- 4 away from them.
- 5 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 6 Q What=s that certain distance?
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: What is that distance?
- 8 MR. HUGHES: If you know.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yeah. That, I=m not sure of.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: How can you make sure you=re a
- 11 certain distance if you don=t know what the certain distance
- 12 is?
- 13 THE WITNESS: It=s, it=s a minimum of 300 from the
- 14 adjoining property. And then from their, their standards
- for Pepco, I=m not sure but 300 is usually enough, so in
- 16 order for us to go further this way, we would have to look
- 17 at that.
- MR. GROSSMAN: This way being further south.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Further south, closer to the
- 20 telephone lines, or the power lines.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: So you are currently 393 feet from
- 22 the Pepco --
- THE WITNESS: From the easement.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Easement, okay. And you=re
- 25 required to be at least 300 feet from the easement you said?

- 1 THE WITNESS: Right.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. What was your
- 3 second question then, Mr. Hockstra?
- 4 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 5 Q Is that 300 foot easement shown on the site plan?
- 6 A Well, we have to be 300 feet away from the
- 7 easement.
- 8 Q Right. But wouldn=t that be marked on the site
- 9 plan?
- 10 A Yeah. We do have it right here.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: It=s shown on Exhibit 23C on the
- 12 very, at the bottom of 23C.
- 13 MR. HOCKSTRA: It shows the setback but it doesn=t
- 14 show that it needs to be a maximum of 300 feet away from the
- 15 line.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: I think he=s talking about the
- 17 Zoning Ordinance requirement.
- 18 MR. HOCKSTRA: I guess I=d like clarification,
- 19 something in writing that Pepco says it=s got to be 300 feet
- 20 off of there.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: I don=t think he=s actually
- 22 referring to Pepco. The, I think what he=s actually
- 23 referring to is Zoning Ordinance 59-G-2.58 which -- let=s
- 24 see what the setback is in agricultural zones. I know it=s
- 25 300 feet from the nearby residents.

- 1 MR. HUGHES: Outside dwelling, yes, sir.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Outside dwelling. I=m not sure
- 3 that it=s 300 feet from the --
- 4 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I believe it=s one for one.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. In agriculture and
- 6 residential zones, distance of one foot from the property
- 7 line for every foot of height in the support structure, so
- 8 I=m not sure where the 300 feet comes from. Do we have an
- 9 answer for that, Mr. Goralski?
- 10 THE WITNESS: I do not.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Perhaps you=11 have a
- 12 witness who can explain that.
- MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right.
- 15 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 16 O How come --
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: Good question, Mr. Hockstra.
- 18 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 19 Q -- you didn=t locate the pole towards the rear of
- 20 the property where there=s really no adjoining property
- 21 owners?
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: Let me make sure I understand what
- you mean by the rear of the property.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Correct. Towards the --
- MR. GROSSMAN: The east?

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1 MR. HOCKSTRA: Yes. Towards the east.
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- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 3 MR. HOCKSTRA: Further back towards the east,
- 4 further off of Georgia Avenue and towards the east.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. What about that?
- 6 THE WITNESS: The property owner gave us very
- 7 specific areas where we could go and so where we went is
- 8 right here is what we agreed on. As far as going over
- 9 here --
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Over here being further --
- 11 THE WITNESS: Further, further east and further
- 12 south, he would not allow us to go there.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. I should mention, I mean, I
- 14 think these are, I say these are very good legitimate
- 15 questions. On the other hand, what I have to evaluate is
- 16 the project that they have proposed and whether that meets
- 17 the --
- 18 MR. HOCKSTRA: County guidelines.
- 19 MR. GROSSMAN: -- zoning requirements. There are
- 20 often an infinite number of alternatives, not only to this
- 21 but all other special exceptions that I am at review, of
- 22 other possible locations of things, but I have to review the
- one that=s before me. But I think that=s a very legitimate
- inquiry, I mean, in terms of minimizing impacts on the
- 25 surrounding area, why is it here rather than there, so I=m

1 not criticizing the question. I=m just mentioning to you

- 2 that I still have to review, and they=re entitled to have
- 3 presented to me and then to the Board of Appeals whatever
- 4 location they decide on that is appropriate for them.
- 5 THE WITNESS: And to further answer your question,
- 6 it=s also an access thing, too. So if we were to build on
- 7 there, we=d have to build a road and it=s a money issue, it
- 8 would be more expensive. Here, it makes sense as far as
- 9 everybody concerned.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. I don=t consider the money
- 11 issue in my evaluation.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Sure. I apologize.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: But there would be a road which
- 14 would be a further intrusion into the land.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: I understand that. Any additional
- 17 questions, Mr. Hockstra?
- 18 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 19 Q Are you involved with picking the site location or
- 20 just designing the site?
- 21 A Designing the site.
- 22 Q Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Anything else of this
- 24 witness?
- 25 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:

- 1 Q Is there --
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: I=m going to ask him to stay around
- 3 in case there are other questions that come up.
- 4 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 5 Q Is there a light at the top of the pole or no?
- 6 A No.
- 7 Q Okay. No aerial flashing light like you see on
- 8 certain structures that are of a certain height?
- 9 A If it=s a certain height, it is but 120 feet, no.
- 10 Q Okay.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: It meets FCC --
- 12 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: -- or FAA regulations?
- 14 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 15 MR. HUGHES: And we=ll have additional testimony
- 16 and documentation, sir.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 18 MR. HOCKSTRA: No questions. No further
- 19 questions.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: Any redirect of this witness?
- MR. HUGHES: Just a few.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 23 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 24 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 25 O You mentioned the access road. About how much are

1 you adding, how far are we adding onto the existing access

- 2 road?
- 3 A I would say about 40 feet.
- 4 O And is it true that if we are to move it much
- 5 further, a long access road would have to be included and
- 6 besides, there may by costs, but there=s environmental
- 7 considerations involved, is that correct?
- 8 A Absolutely. Further litigations and further
- 9 design.
- 10 Q Are you aware, if you are --
- 11 A Sure.
- 12 Q Are you aware if there=s, as noted on the Staff
- 13 Report, page 7, that the project is not within the 660 foot
- 14 PMA buffer for the Potomac River (indiscernible) to where it
- 15 is now?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Okay.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: PMA stands for primary management
- 19 area which is an environmental issue. Where is the, where
- 20 is the PMA?
- MR. HUGHES: If -- I=m asking that.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 23 Q If you know, is it correct that the PMA is moving
- over towards the east and southeast? If you know.
- 25 A I do not know.

- 1 Q Okay.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Perhaps --
- 3 MR. HUGHES: Another witness.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Will be able to answer that.
- 5 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 6 Q Is it also true that -- you noted part of the
- 7 reason was guidance from the landlord for location, is that
- 8 true?
- 9 A (No audible response.)
- 10 Q It is also true where it is now, it is utilizing a
- large berm and large trees which I think you testified to on
- 12 the east side?
- 13 A Correct. And that=s what made it a very good
- 14 choice.
- 15 Q One of the reasons.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, they=re on the west side if
- 17 that=s what you mean. The berm and trees are on the --
- 18 MR. HUGHES: Right.
- 19 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 21 west.
- 22 A Shielding from the road.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right. You mentioned the east.
- 24 MR. HUGHES: Oh, I=m sorry. I apologize. Those
- 25 would be my --

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Any recross based on those
- 2 additional questions, Mr. Hockstra?
- 3 RECROSS EXAMINATION
- 4 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 5 Q Do you have a total square footage of disturbed
- 6 area?
- 7 A Yeah.
- 8 MR. HUGHES: If it=s on your plan.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yeah. It definitely is. Somewhere
- 10 around 3800.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, let=s try to get it.
- MR. HUGHES: Yes. Let=s try to get the answer.
- 13 THE WITNESS: We should have that exact number.
- 14 It was in the 3,000 somewhere.
- 15 MR. GROSSMAN: I don=t see it on the plan.
- 16 (Discussion off the record.)
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Let=s not have any
- 18 cross-conversations while you=re -
- 19 THE WITNESS: Oh, I apologize.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: -- while you=re on the witness
- 21 stand.
- 22 MR. HUGHES: Mr. Grossman, I can either utilize
- another witness or I can note something that=s in the record
- 24 already.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Why don=t you note

- 1 what=s in the record.
- 2 MR. HUGHES: That will give us some guidance but
- 3 we=ll have to see if we can get more detailed in other ways.
- 4 It does, there is, in the application under the Exhibit 6,
- 5 approved forest conservation exemption, an NRI/FSD.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 7 MR. HUGHES: It talks that it did meet that
- 8 criteria but in this, I don=t see the actual square footage
- 9 so we=ll keep looking for that.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. It did meet the criteria for
- 11 an exemption.
- 12 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. I think that=s
- 14 the best answer that this witness can give anyway. Any
- other questions on recross?
- 16 THE WITNESS: I can find that exact number if you
- 17 need it.
- 18 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 19 Q Are there any required, you know, drainage things
- 20 you have to do with the disturbed area?
- 21 A Well, since we=re under 5,000 square feet --
- 22 Q Okay.
- 23 A -- we get the waiver for that. And in this case,
- 24 definitely gravel is 50 percent. We call it --
- 25 O Permeable.

- 1 A Permeable, yeah.
- Q Okay.
- 3 A And we use a crushed limestone.
- 4 MR. HOCKSTRA: No further questions.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Thank you, sir. I think that
- 7 completes your testimony but hang around in case there=s
- 8 something in addition, and congratulations on your first
- 9 testimony as an expert. Now you can tell your wife, if
- 10 you=re married, that you=re an expert and she can=t argue
- 11 with you about anything you say. It doesn=t work. All
- 12 right.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Your next witness.
- MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir. I would call Mr. Oakleigh
- 16 Thorne.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: So you=re not calling Mr. Thorne as
- 18 a rebuttal witness but as a direct witness.
- MR. HUGHES: Yes. Based upon some of the
- 20 questions that have come out.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Mr. Thorne, would you
- 22 raise your right hand, please?
- MR. THORNE: Yes, sir.
- 24 (Witness sworn.)
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. You may proceed, Mr.

- 1 Hughes.
- 2 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q Mr. Thorne, can you tell us about your educational
- 5 background and your professional?
- 6 A I have a bachelor=s degree from the State
- 7 University of New York and I studied graduate studies at
- 8 American University but I did not matriculate.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: What=s your, what=s your bachelor=s
- 10 degree in?
- 11 THE WITNESS: I was an English major and almost a
- 12 double math minor.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So a bachelor of arts
- 14 in English?
- 15 THE WITNESS: That=s correct.
- MR. GROSSMAN: From what school?
- 17 THE WITNESS: The State University of New York.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Is there a resume that
- 19 we can have? It helps if we --
- MR. HUGHES: I -- yes. In this case, I left the
- 21 resume in my office. Now, perhaps if you want me to, I can
- 22 copy those if we have a break. His resume is in file on
- 23 multiple other ones but that was my error. I do not have
- 24 his resume. I can have him talk a little bit more about
- 25 what=s on there.

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1 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Why don=t you do that.
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- 2 MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q Can you tell us a little bit more about your bio,
- 5 your professional background, your resume?
- 6 A I started in the appraisal industry in
- 7 Poughkeepsie, New York.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Appraisal of what?
- 9 THE WITNESS: Commercial property, farms and
- 10 industrial and office retail type shopping centers, in 1965.
- 11 I came to this region in 1969 and worked for a number of
- 12 national companies as a real estate appraiser and an
- 13 advisor/consultant/counselor with regard to market studies,
- 14 feasibility studies, primarily throughout the United States
- 15 and in Barbados and Alaska. I hold the MAI designation of
- 16 the Appraisal Institute.
- MR. GROSSMAN: What does that mean?
- 18 THE WITNESS: Member of the Appraisal Institute.
- 19 It means that you=re qualified to do commercial appraisal
- 20 work on shopping centers, office buildings and retail
- 21 structures. I also hold --
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: What do the initials M-A-I stand
- 23 for?
- THE WITNESS: Member of the Appraisals Institute.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I see. Okay.

1 THE WITNESS: But that=s the highest level you can

- 2 attain which is your, not license but you carry a
- 3 designation that you=re qualified to appraise all types of
- 4 commercial and industrial properties.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Are you saying there is no license
- 6 for this type of work?
- 7 THE WITNESS: Yes, there is. And I=m a certified
- 8 general real estate appraiser licensed in the State of
- 9 Maryland, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of
- 10 Virginia, and have held those licenses uninterrupted since I
- 11 think 1991 or 1992 when the licensing laws were enacted.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And what=s your license number for
- 13 that?
- 14 THE WITNESS: I think the Maryland license is No.
- 15 1956. I don=t keep those in memory but --
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And what I don=t
- 17 understand is you said that the highest level of
- 18 certification you can have is this MAI but then you said
- 19 that you=re licensed in Maryland, so why isn=t that a higher
- 20 level of -- I=m not sure I understand the distinction.
- 21 THE WITNESS: The education requirements to earn
- 22 the MAI designation far exceeds the licensing requirements.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I see. All right. In any event,
- 24 you=re currently licensed in Maryland for real estate
- 25 appraisal.

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1 THE WITNESS: Yes. There are two licenses. A
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- 2 residential appraisal, appraiser, which I am not. I=m
- 3 certified as, I=m licensed as a certified general real
- 4 estate appraiser which is I am now permitted to do
- 5 appraisals of all types of real estate. The residential
- 6 appraiser cannot appraise anything greater than a four unit
- 7 apartment complex.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: I see. But yours is a general
- 9 certification so you can do any appraisals.
- 10 THE WITNESS: That=s correct.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. Have you ever
- 12 testified as an expert before?
- 13 THE WITNESS: Numerous times.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And where was that?
- 15 THE WITNESS: In hearings in Montgomery County,
- 16 Cecil, Caroline, Salisbury, Howard, Baltimore City,
- 17 Baltimore County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County,
- 18 Hartford --
- 19 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. That=s enough counties.
- 20 Let me --
- 21 THE WITNESS: Hartford County. And there may be
- 22 more but I can=t remember them all.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And in Montgomery County, did you
- 24 testify before the hearing examiner or --
- 25 THE WITNESS: Yes. I=ve testified multiple times

- 1 since 1998 in this venue.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 3 THE WITNESS: And also in the Circuit Courts.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Do you remember what cases you were
- 5 before a hearing examiner?
- 6 THE WITNESS: I know that there was one off, a
- 7 cellular telephone monopole application off of River Road
- 8 some time ago. These go back several years. I=ve attended
- 9 at a number of hearings but have not testified. I was
- 10 brought up as a rebuttal witness so I may not have
- 11 testified. But I know that there were other applications
- 12 for a cellular devices on top of a water tower in the City
- 13 of Rockville.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Where you=ve actually testified as
- 15 an expert.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Where a hearing examiner has told
- 18 you that, has accepted you as an expert witness.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Do you remember who the
- 21 hearing examiner was?
- 22 THE WITNESS: No. I don=t but I remember it was a
- lady, but this was a couple of years ago.
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: Françoise Carrier?
- THE WITNESS: Yes. Could have been.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Any additional
- 2 questions regarding his qualifications?
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q Do you remember if perhaps in front of Ms. Carrier
- 5 you may have testified for a T-Mobile case at the Hillandale
- 6 Swim Club in Oak, White Oak, I=m sorry?
- 7 A Yes. That=s correct.
- 8 Q Do you recall --
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: It was 2709? Is that what that
- 10 was?
- 11 MR. HUGHES: That=s right. Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 14 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 15 Q And do you recall, I don=t recall, T-Mobile had
- 16 won Wildcat Road in the fall of last year, do you recall if
- 17 you testified before, perhaps before Ms. Robeson in that
- 18 one?
- 19 A Yes. That=s correct.
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Grossman.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: Mr. Hockstra, any questions
- 22 regarding this witness= expertise as a real estate
- 23 appraiser?
- 24 MR. HOCKSTRA: Just, just one question.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Sure.

1	CROSS-EXAMINATION
2	BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
3	Q Are you licensed to real estate appraisal in
4	Maryland for residential real estate?
5	A Certified general real estate appraisers can
6	appraise all real estate.
7	Q Okay.
8	A All forms of real estate, whether it=s residential
9	or commercial.
10	Q And that=s that MAI certified?
11	A No. Well, yes. I mean, the MAI can appraise all
12	types of property. The certified general real estate
13	appraiser can appraise all types of property. The certified
14	residential appraiser can only appraise residential property
15	up to a four unit complex. That=s all you can appraise.
16	MR. GROSSMAN: If I understood his testimony, he
17	has both the MAI, a private
18	MR. HUGHES: National institute.
19	MR. GROSSMAN: national thing but the Maryland
20	licensure that he has is for general appraisal and that
21	includes residential or commercial, whereas there is a
22	subcategory, apparently, of residential appraiser which you
23	can get but he=s got something that allows him to do both.

Do any banks accept your appraisals for

BY MR. HOCKSTRA:

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- 1 residential property that=s going for sale?
- 2 A I have not done bank appraisal work since, since
- 3 2000 and perhaps 3 or 4. I do not do residential housing
- 4 appraisals for banks.
- 5 Q Okay. All right.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Anything further?
- 7 MR. HOCKSTRA: (No audible response.)
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Then I accept this
- 9 witness. I presume you=re offering him --
- 10 MR. HUGHES: Yes.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: -- as an expert in --
- MR. HUGHES: Real estate appraisal. Yes, sir.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: -- real estate appraisal, and I
- 14 accept him as an expert in such.
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 16 DIRECT EXAMINATION (Continued)
- 17 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 18 Q Mr. Thorne, have you conducted any studies in
- 19 Montgomery County or the surrounding area or been involved
- in any studies related to cell towers and any impact on the
- 21 areas I quess?
- 22 A Our firm, Thorne Consultants, has been studying
- 23 the impact of cellular telephone monopoles, the traditional
- 24 monopoles like this one, since 1998 up through and to and
- 25 including March of this year. Those studies, in particular,

- 1 there=s two in Montgomery County. One is at the Bullis
- 2 School at Democracy Boulevard and Falls Road. The other one
- 3 in Montgomery County is at Hampshire Greens which is a golf
- 4 course community up near Burtonsville up off of 198. The
- 5 towers, or let=s say the mushroom stands of the WSSC water
- 6 tanks, are on the south side and the north side is a golf
- 7 course community. The Bullis school site is a 135 foot
- 8 tower that=s at the edge of the recreational field that
- 9 abuts within about 180 feet of the back deck of a \$2 million
- on Stapleford Court which is a 2 to \$5 million subdivision
- 11 of homes. We=ve done those.
- 12 In fact, Bullis School, I found out, has been
- 13 studied not only by our firm but by several firms and the
- 14 reason why the Bullis School has been studied so frequently
- 15 is because the pole was incredibly visible. It had not only
- 16 a primary carrier but co-locators on the pole. There were
- 17 two others. So there were racks, three sets of racks on the
- 18 pole. And it=s highly visible and it=s adjacent to a luxury
- 19 home subdivisions. All the homes are traditional. They=re
- 20 all on 80 to 84,000 square foot, basically two acre lots.
- 21 The homes are all between 5 and 6,000 square feet, maybe
- 7,000 square feet. The prices are in the vicinity of, right
- 23 now, 2-and-a-half to probably 4 million. There=s a new
- 24 house that=s going up that I=m pretty sure is close to 6
- 25 million that has a direct view of the monopole. It=s on the

- 1 east side of the monopole.
- The other study was at Hampshire Greens. This is
- 3 a golf course community. WSSC erected these incredibly
- 4 large mushroom-shaped standpipes for storage of water. As
- 5 you=re heading towards Burtonsville, they=re on the right-
- 6 hand side of the road, south side. The golf course
- 7 community is on, Hampshire Greens is on the north side. And
- 8 there=s just a row of 15 homes that are fairway located but
- 9 right across their backyards are these mushroom standpipes
- 10 of which two of them have been populated, the tops of them
- 11 were populated, constructed a number of cellular telephone
- devices. Obviously, they don=t put a pole on it but they
- 13 put a very short rack of pagers and other radio frequency
- 14 requirements on the tops of these standpipes. The
- 15 standpipes, candidly, are more obtrusive than the tops of
- 16 these poles, or the tops of these standpipes. That=s been
- 17 studied twice.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: But were you studying the impact of
- 19 the standpipes on real estate values or were you studying
- 20 the impact of the addition of the cellular facilities on top
- 21 of those?
- 22 THE WITNESS: In that case, it=s both because it=s
- just hard to separate these three enormously large mushroom-
- 24 shaped structures that come out of the ground that are 150
- 25 feet in the air with a very thick stem for where the water

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1 goes up into these towers --
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- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: But wouldn=t it impossible --
- THE WITNESS: -- to provide water pressure.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: As to say, wouldn=t it be
- 5 impossible to say that the cell tower, or not towers but the
- 6 cell communications facilities are in any way influencing it
- 7 if you have those enormous structures they=re on already?
- 8 THE WITNESS: Some of the sales occurred before
- 9 these antennas went up and some of the sales occurred after
- 10 these antennas went up and we=re trying to depict to see if
- 11 there=s any impact because of an obtrusive view amenity that
- 12 might impair the marketability of the homes.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: Was there any impact from those
- 14 telecommunication --
- THE WITNESS: No.
- MR. GROSSMAN: -- facilities?
- 17 THE WITNESS: No.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: What about in the Bullis study?
- 19 Are those telecommunications facilities on top of already
- 20 existing structures or did you put up a tower?
- 21 THE WITNESS: No. It=s a standalone. It=s a
- 22 standalone tower just exactly like this one except it=s 135
- 23 feet.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- THE WITNESS: And not 124 feet.

1 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Well, I=ll let you

- 2 continue to question him.
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q And what criteria did you use to evaluate this and
- 5 what were your conclusions for the Bullis School?
- 6 A I should make it clear that I may be holding an
- 7 appraiser=s license but the work that=s done on these impact
- 8 analyses are not appraisals. Our process, consistently
- 9 through all of these studies, Clearview Estates in Howard
- 10 County, three lattice towers on the Eastern Shore with
- 11 strobe lights because they were above 225 feet, all the way
- 12 up to 280, a pole in Owings Mill in Baltimore County and
- 13 another monopole at the Hunt for Fairfax, the Hunt at
- 14 Fairfax Station in Fairfax County, Virginia, all of these
- 15 studies and methodology were the same. We had to find first
- 16 a subdivision where there was what we call homogeneity of
- 17 the housing stock.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, before you tell me how you
- 19 did it, you made a statement that I, I have to follow up on
- 20 that. You said although you=re certified as a real estate
- 21 appraiser, these are not real estate appraisals. So what
- 22 are you telling me? Are you not testifying in the area of
- 23 your expertise?
- 24 THE WITNESS: I=m, I=m testifying as to the impact
- 25 of the presence of a monopole on a property that=s adjacent

- 1 to it versus the lack of its impact on a property that=s
- 2 distanced from the monopole. All this is is an analytical
- 3 approach. We=re taking the sale price of a home that has a
- 4 solid view of the monopole, either from the driveway or the
- 5 backyard or from the household, although we didn=t get into
- 6 the house.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 8 THE WITNESS: All we=re doing is taking the sale
- 9 price of that home that we took from the deed and the tax
- 10 records to find out the square footage of that home, and
- 11 MRIS as well.
- 12 MR. GROSSMAN: MRIS?
- 13 THE WITNESS: Multiple Regional Information
- 14 Services.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 16 THE WITNESS: That=s where all brokers list their
- 17 properties for sale, they describe the property, the rooms,
- 18 the sizes, square footage and so forth. It=s all reported.
- 19 It=s a multiple listing agreement.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 21 THE WITNESS: It=s called Metropolitan Regional
- 22 Information Systems. All we=re doing is comparing the price
- 23 per square foot of that home within view of this monopole to
- the price per square foot of a home that is not within that
- 25 impact or view shed.

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1 MR. GROSSMAN: So what you=re saying is you=re
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- 2 really not appraising the homes. You=re just using your
- 3 knowledge of how real estate appraisers, or the information
- 4 that real estate appraisers look at and you=re comparing the
- 5 published values of homes that are near telecommunications
- 6 sites with those that are not.
- 7 THE WITNESS: That=s correct.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Precisely.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Now, when I said homogeneity of the
- 12 homes, of the housing stock, I mean we have to have a
- 13 subdivision where there=s lots of sale activity, the homes
- 14 have to be roughly all about the same in terms of size,
- 15 square footage and profile. We can=t compare an average to
- 16 be -- ridiculous. You can=t compare an A-frame to a rambler
- 17 and you can=t compare a rambler to a two-story colonial.
- 18 They all have to be the same type of home in roughly the
- 19 same area on the same lot sizes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 21 THE WITNESS: We can=t compare a corner lot to an
- 22 inside lot. If a corner lot sees the monopole or the people
- in the house sees the monopole, then we have to have a
- 24 corner lot home that doesn=t see the monopole. So what
- 25 we=re using in the institute, the Appraisal Institute policy

1 is pure pairs. In other words, we=re not making any

- 2 adjustments.
- 3 The reason why we chose the pure pair analysis is
- 4 because we wanted to avoid bias. Candidly, not T-Mobile but
- 5 AT&T and Verizon paid for these studies. They=re very
- 6 expensive because first you have to find a subdivision and a
- 7 monopole where you can get enough data. We just can=t have
- 8 one pair. We have to have five or six pairs before we have
- 9 what I would consider public evidence that there is no
- 10 impact. So we use pure pair analysis and it was confirmed
- 11 by looking at deeds, looking at the tax records, getting out
- of the car, walking the roads. Occasionally, we knocked on
- 13 a few doors, see if we could get in the backyard if they let
- 14 us back in their, in their backyard.
- 15 Throughout all of these studies, including the two
- 16 at the Bullis School and the Hampshire Greens, the two in
- 17 Montgomery County, it was our conclusion because we found
- 18 parity between the price per square foot of a home within
- 19 the view of the monopole and the price per square foot of a
- 20 home that didn=t see the monopole that sold within a couple
- 21 of months of each other. We, at one point, tried to do a
- 22 before and after. In other words, what were prices of homes
- 23 before the monopole went up, what were the prices of homes
- 24 after the monopole went up. As you well know, the market
- 25 cycles and if you=re --

1 MR. GROSSMAN: I don=t know anything that=s not in

- 2 the record. I don=t know if the market cycles. It=s not in
- 3 the record.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Well, prices have gone up and
- 5 they=ve gone down. And if you have, on the way up before
- 6 the monopole, you have prices of homes before the monopole
- 7 but you=re on an upward slope and a peak for price increases
- 8 but the pole goes in, but the normal cycle of price decline,
- 9 you=re going to get bad data because of the peaks and
- 10 valleys and how prices have changed since the mid-90s to up
- 11 to about 2011. You=ve had a series of peaks and troughs.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, do you -- is there some way
- 13 you correct for that or you just don=t do before and after
- 14 studies, or what do you do?
- 15 THE WITNESS: We didn=t do the before and after
- 16 studies. What we tried to do was find sales that were
- 17 proximate to each other, within a couple of months of each
- 18 other, of similar homes and similar lots.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I see. Okay.
- THE WITNESS: That was the best way to do it. And
- 21 the reason why we kept it pure, because once you start
- 22 making adjustments for either lot sizes or house profile or
- 23 house size, you=re going to be accused of bias, you obscured
- 24 your answer because you=re working for the carrier, so we
- 25 dealt with facts only. And anyone -- fortunately, in the

1 State of Maryland, the deeds are free. You can get deeds

- 2 online. You don=t have to go to the courthouse, unlike
- 3 Virginia and the District. So you can go to the deed. You
- 4 can read the deed and you can read the tax record and
- 5 divide. That=s all we did. We took the, we took the square
- 6 footage and we divided by the sale price.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: And so you don=t make adjustments
- 8 for the various things that appraisers make adjustments for
- 9 in terms of --
- 10 THE WITNESS: What --
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: -- in terms of value?
- 12 THE WITNESS: That=s correct because what we=re
- 13 trying to do when we make the comparison, we have to be
- 14 careful about decks out back that would increase or make the
- 15 pair inappropriate, or finished basements or any other
- 16 amenity that may have impacted that price. So we have to
- 17 look at the, the MRIS, the MRIS listing agreement carefully
- 18 and we have to make phone calls to determine that this is
- 19 truly a good pair.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Did you publish this study?
- 21 Is this study -- I don=t see it in the record here. Do I,
- 22 Mr. Hughes?
- MR. HUGHES: No, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Do we have a copy of this study
- 25 regarding Bullis School for example?

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1 THE WITNESS: It=s, it=s been submitted previously
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- 2 on other applications that would probably go back into the
- 3 2003/2004 era. I know -- era. I know that it=s in the
- 4 public record because I know some of their attorneys have
- 5 avoided paying my fee and have picked up my work product and
- 6 used it in other applications free of charge. So I know
- 7 it=s in the record but there are numerous studies.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, it=s not -- when you say in
- 9 the record, it=s in the public domain but, and in the record
- 10 of some cases. The question is whether it=s --
- 11 THE WITNESS: Here.
- 12 MR. GROSSMAN: -- in the record here.
- 13 THE WITNESS: It=s in the record here.
- MR. HUGHES: But not in this case.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Not in --
- 16 MR. HUGHES: -- is what Mr. Grossman is saying.
- 17 THE WITNESS: But not in this case.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: Do we have a copy for the record in
- 19 this case, Mr. Hughes?
- MR. HUGHES: I don=t believe we do right now.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 22 THE WITNESS: There is a body of knowledge. When
- I say a body of knowledge, I=m looking at peer reviewed
- 24 articles about the presence of monopoles on property prices.
- 25 I don=t like to use the word value because I=m not

1 appraising. It=s a price impact, it=s not a value impact.

- 2 The issue is that there is studies by the Appraisal
- 3 Institute or articles that have been published by the
- 4 Appraisal Institute that are consistent with my findings.
- 5 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 6 Q What are your findings? What have they been?
- 7 A Both buyers and sellers of homes within the impact
- 8 area were interviewed at several study locations, including
- 9 the two in Montgomery County. We found no evidence that
- 10 sellers or buyers of homes within the visual impact area
- 11 either discounted the price or experienced extended
- 12 marketing periods to execute a sale due to the visual
- 13 presence of a communication device.
- 14 Q And you noted some other studies that were outside
- of Montgomery County that you were involved with. Was it
- 16 consistent with those as well as these two Montgomery County
- 17 studies?
- 18 A Yes. And it=s interesting because Clearview
- 19 Estates, which is just over the line of Montgomery County
- 20 going up 108, it=s just north of 32.
- 21 Q It=s in Howard County, is that correct?
- 22 A That=s in Howard County. It=s interesting because
- the monopole on a vacant pastureland was constructed in
- 24 1992, up and operational, an AT&T pole. The farmer decided
- 25 that he didn=t need the pasture anymore so he leased it to

- 1 AT&T. I think it=s 165 feet with a primary and two co-
- 2 locators. Two years later in 1994, he decided to sell the
- 3 land to a home builder. The home builder built 53 or 57
- 4 homes on two and three acre sites in this large tract.
- 5 Unfortunately, the monopole was in a pastureland.
- 6 It was at the highest possible elevation. We studied that
- 7 twice. Clearview Estates has been studied twice, once in
- 8 1999 and again in March of 2010.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: And how tall was that monopole?
- THE WITNESS: 165.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- THE WITNESS: We found 37 listing agreements from
- 13 2002 to 2010 for a sale, sales of homes, and that was a
- 14 difficult study because every single one of the 57 homes
- 15 sees that monopole. Not one listing agreement mentions the
- 16 existence of the monopole. They=re all touting the great
- 17 views, the great lots, access to good schools and access to
- 18 employment centers, and that=s what drives a house decision
- or a house buying decision in this market area.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: But you wouldn=t expect the listing
- 21 agreement to mention the monopole, would you?
- THE WITNESS: Well --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Because wouldn=t that be, wouldn=t
- that tend to make somebody think, whether or not it affects
- 25 the price, wouldn=t that make somebody question that?

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1 THE WITNESS: It=s interesting that I=ve been, or
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- 2 my testimony has been rebutted by numerous brokers who would
- 3 say, house brokers, that they would never list a house next
- 4 to a monopole, they couldn=t sell a house next to a
- 5 monopole. But unfortunately, of the 37 listing agreements
- 6 that didn=t mention, the houses all sold with increasing
- 7 prices from 2002 to about 2008.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I don=t know what to make of
- 9 that last statement because now you=re reporting what
- 10 somebody else has testified who purportedly was an expert
- 11 which disagreed with your testimony and you=re saying that
- it=s not accurate. I=m not sure what, whether I give that
- 13 weight against what you=re saying or not, and is the hearsay
- 14 expert testimony through the lips of the expert who is
- 15 testifying. I don=t know quite how to handle that one.
- 16 THE WITNESS: I think the issue, Mr. Grossman, is
- 17 I have market evidence contrary to their testimony and they
- 18 didn=t offer any testimony, any evidence to support their
- 19 position.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So your essential point
- 21 there was you mentioned, you started telling me about this
- 22 by saying it wasn=t in the listing agreement, but your
- 23 actual point is that the evidence regarding the sale price
- 24 did not reflect an effect from the existence of the
- 25 monopole. Is that what you=re saying?

- 1 THE WITNESS: That=s correct, sir.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 3 MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 4 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 5 Q Thank you, Mr. Thorne. Are you familiar with this
- 6 proposed site and the location?
- 7 A Oh, absolutely. I just live a little further
- 8 south on Georgia Avenue so I=ve gone up Georgia Avenue many
- 9 times. In fact, there was a case on Nicodemus Road which I
- 10 think is just north of this site, yes.
- 11 Q So are you familiar that, you=ve heard some
- 12 testimony that this one is not proposed to have a light. Is
- 13 that your understanding?
- 14 A Any, any structure that=s 190 -- any structure
- 15 under 200 feet does not require strobe lighting. Besides,
- 16 the strobe lights now all go to the skies. They don=t come
- down to the ground anyways.
- 18 Q Unless they might be in a flight path, is that
- 19 correct, and maybe the FAA may require it?
- 20 A That=s correct.
- 21 Q But you=ve heard testimony that=s not required and
- 22 you=re aware that=s not required in this case, is that true?
- 23 A That=s, that=s true.
- Q Are you also aware that there are, there=s a Pepco
- 25 right-of-way just south running east and west, about 400

1 feet south, and it has big power poles and lines running.

- 2 Is that your understanding?
- 3 A Yeah. There=s a high voltage overhead
- 4 transmission line that runs south of this that is incredibly
- 5 visible from almost all properties. Although this is
- 6 rolling terrain and wooded and rooftops are sparse, it=s
- 7 highly visible.
- 8 Q Have you seen in this case the --
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Let me interrupt for a minute. How
- 10 tall are those Pepco towers? If the witness knows.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I can speculate but I --
- MR. GROSSMAN: I don=t want you to speculate.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Then I, then I don=t know.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Mr. Hughes?
- 15 MR. HUGHES: Well, there is some information in
- 16 the record I think from the Tower Committee and from the
- 17 Staff Report that says 130 feet which is our understanding.
- 18 The Staff Report certainly knows they=re 130 feet and we
- 19 concur.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 22 Q Are you -- sorry, lost my thought. Exhibit 10 is
- 23 noted as photo simulations. Have you seen the photo
- 24 simulations T-Mobile had done in this case?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q And based upon your knowledge of this area and,
- 2 including the Pepco lines, and your expertise, do you
- 3 believe there would be any impact in this area, basically
- 4 similar to the studies you=ve done? What impact, if any,
- 5 would you see here?
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, let me -- you mentioned the
- 7 photo simulations and in fairness to Mr. Hockstra, he
- 8 probably hasn=t seen them. Do you have a copy of the photo
- 9 simulations that you can show him?
- 10 MR. HUGHES: I do. And we=re going to talk about
- 11 those more later but you=re right, Mr. Grossman. I
- 12 apologize. Yes, I do have a copy. Can I explain?
- MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. Explain to him how that
- 14 works.
- 15 MR. HUGHES: And we=ll have a witness, or we=re
- 16 planning to have a witness talk, go through these, but
- 17 essentially, sir, this is what=s called a map. This is
- 18 roughly where the site is, and these blue areas are areas
- 19 that we went to and took photos to see roughly what it would
- look like when we put a balloon up in the air, and we showed
- 21 that the addresses, roughly, where we took them from. We do
- 22 it from public spots. We don=t go on people=s property
- 23 without permission. It shows the distance back to the site.
- And then after the photos are taken, we have some
- 25 folks who are, who do what=s called photo simulations with

- 1 the computer and they go back to their work site and then
- 2 drop in the pole where the balloon was to give you an idea,
- 3 a simulation of what it roughly will look like if it=s
- 4 approved and built. So that=s what these are, sir.
- 5 MR. HOCKSTRA: So the pictures taken from the
- 6 street are public area?
- 7 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: And the photo simulations specify
- 9 where it is so they, they hold a balloon, they put a balloon
- 10 at the height of the proposed tower, and then they show you
- 11 a picture with a simulated tower to that height so you can
- 12 see what it would look like from those specific locations
- 13 that they designated on the map. This is a standard
- 14 procedure and a requirement for applications for cell
- 15 towers. So now, would you ask your question of the witness?
- MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 17 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 18 Q So based upon your experience, and you=re familiar
- 19 with this area, what, if any, impact do you expect if this
- 20 tower or cell site was approved and built it may have?
- MR. GROSSMAN: Impact on what?
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 23 Q Impact on property values.
- 24 A It=s not going to have any impact on property
- 25 prices. What happens is once these are up two to three

- 1 months, people just ignore them. We=ve got too many other
- 2 important elements in our lives to be looking at cell towers
- 3 and the potential impact it has. I found none, and all of
- 4 our studies were consistent.
- 5 Q Did you have any studies where you had these
- 6 massive Pepco power lines and poles running right behind it?
- 7 Do you recall if any of the studies had something like that
- 8 where it would blend into it?
- 9 A The lattice towers on the Easter Shore, these were
- 10 not self-supporting so when you have a lattice tower that is
- 11 not self-supporting, you have extensive guide wires that
- 12 come down and it=s a huge, it=s a very large footprint to
- 13 staple that tower. Only in the lattice tower environments
- 14 did we have an horizon but they were more distant. This is
- 15 fairly close. I think we=re in like 400, 300 feet. At
- 16 least the easement, these easements are generally 80 to 100
- 17 feet wide and the power line goes down the center of it.
- 18 This one=s I think something like 300 feet from just the
- 19 easement. Those on the Eastern Shore were about 5 to 600
- 20 feet away but standing on a person=s property, they would
- 21 see not only the lattice towers but also the more distant
- 22 overhead power lines.
- 23 Q You also mentioned you know the area well and you
- 24 live near --
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: I don=t know if that answered the

- 1 question. Was your question whether or not a cell tower
- 2 with power lines behind it was less of an impact than a cell
- 3 tower without power lines? Is that what you=re asking or --
- 4 MR. HUGHES: I was asking if any of the other
- 5 studies have had power lines in close proximity to, like
- 6 this one does here.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: And he mentioned this other one but
- 8 what=s the relevance of that? His testimony is that with or
- 9 without the Pepco lines, it has, or at least without the
- 10 Pepco lines --
- MR. HUGHES: Right.
- 12 MR. GROSSMAN: -- it has no impact.
- 13 MR. HUGHES: Right.
- 14 MR. GROSSMAN: And I presume then that -- I=ll let
- 15 the witness answer. If you add in the Pepco lines as a
- 16 backdrop, would the cell tower itself have any more impact?
- 17 THE WITNESS: No.
- MR. GROSSMAN: No.
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 20 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 21 Q Are you aware Georgia Avenue, in that stretch, has
- 22 telephone poles along it and lines?
- 23 A Some of them are oblique. There=s a lot of heavy
- 24 cable so the telephone poles, I know --
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: When you say they=re oblique, you

- 1 mean they=re at an angle?
- THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q You mean that they=re kind of falling a little
- 5 bit?
- 6 A Well, I don=t know whether they=re falling but
- 7 they=re not perpendicular to the Earth=s surface. They=re
- 8 oblique and they are carrying a lot of cable, and there=s
- 9 also, you=11 see occasional transformers mounted on these
- 10 telephone poles.
- MR. GROSSMAN: How tall are they?
- 12 THE WITNESS: Usually, they=re about 35 to 40
- 13 feet. I mean, that=s usual.
- MR. HUGHES: Those would be my questions. Thank
- 15 you, Mr. Grossman.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: Cross-examination?
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Yes.
- 18 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 19 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 20 Q The Hampshire Greens case studies that you were
- 21 referring to in the beginning of your testimony, what zoning
- 22 are they in?
- 23 A I do know that they=re all on 20,000 square foot
- 24 lots.
- 25 Q But is that, you know, rural cluster, RT-2?

- 1 A No. It=s -- no. They=re on 20,000 --
- 2 0 Urban?
- 3 A They=re on 20,000 square foot lots. Wherever
- 4 Montgomery County zoning allows it.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: It=s residential.
- 6 THE WITNESS: It=s a residential zone, 20,000
- 7 square foot lots.
- 8 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 9 Q Do you know if whether it=s RC-5, RC-10?
- 10 A It might be R-20. I=m not, I=m not, I don=t have
- 11 a memory of the zoning codes for Montgomery County.
- 12 Q Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: They=re not rural zoned.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: They=re not rural. They=re all
- 15 more --
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: They=re residentially zoned.
- 17 MR. HOCKSTRA: -- high-density.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: I don=t know about high-density
- 19 but, they=re not high-density.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: But they=re residentially zoned is
- 22 what he=s saying.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- 24 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 25 Q Did you do any of these studies and put a monopole

- in a rural setting or just in a high-density zone?
- 2 A The, the lattice towers were definitely rural
- 3 because there on the Eastern Shore, home sizes, or excuse
- 4 me, lot sizes on the lattice towers could range anywhere
- 5 from 2 acres to 10 acres.
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: You, Mr. Hockstra, ask some of the
- 8 best questions I=ve ever had from a citizen coming to one of
- 9 these things. I just wanted to let you know that.
- 10 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 11 Q Do you have any I guess -- excuse me. So you=re
- 12 here to testify on property values, correct?
- 13 A On property prices.
- 14 Q Okay. So myself, as being an adjoining homeowner,
- 15 you=re saying my property is going to increase in value?
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: He=s made the distinction between
- 17 property value and property price because what he=s saying
- 18 is he has not done an appraisal of the property, he=s
- 19 compared pricing and that=s, this is a pricing study. Am I
- 20 correctly summarizing what you have said, sir?
- 21 THE WITNESS: That is correct.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: So you refer back to value, and
- that=s why he keeps on making that distinction, property
- 24 prices versus value. He=s not making an overall valuation.
- 25 He=s looked at pricing of comparable sites, pairing is what

- 1 he said.
- 2 MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: And said that he has not, in all
- 4 his studies, has not found any difference in the pairing of
- 5 those near a cell tower and those not near a cell tower. Is
- 6 that an accurate summary of your testimony, sir?
- 7 THE WITNESS: That=s correct, sir.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 9 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 10 Q So can you say my pricing will increase on my
- 11 property?
- 12 A I=d like to respond in a rhetorical way.
- 13 Clearview Estates, we interviewed the homeowner directly
- 14 adjacent to the monopole, and when I started this study in
- 15 1998, about three percent of the households in the United
- 16 States were still hardwired. Today, I=ve heard two
- 17 different numbers. I=ve heard 22 percent and I=ve heard 30
- 18 percent of the households are now, have dropped their
- 19 hardwired phones. They=re totally wireless. And the
- 20 individual, and I=m under oath, the individual at Clearview
- 21 Estates wanted the service. He bought the house closest to
- 22 the monopole. He didn=t pay much of a premium but he did
- 23 pay a very modest, almost a measured premium to be closest
- 24 to the monopole to get the service. In his opinion, there
- 25 was absolutely no impact and will be no impact when he sells

1 it. I can=t verify that because he hasn=t sold the house

- 2 yet. He=s been there from the early years when the
- 3 subdivision was constructed.
- 4 So there are folks, admittedly, there are folks
- 5 who will locate not near a monopole, but the overwhelming
- 6 evidence I have is that it=s at the point now, because of
- 7 data streaming, the internet, and these are not being used
- 8 for voice anymore, they=re used for the internet and it=s
- 9 more voice streaming --
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: When you say these are not being
- 11 used anymore, you=re not suggesting that this cell tower is
- 12 not going to carry voice communications.
- 13 THE WITNESS: It will, but the primary reason and
- 14 the reason why the bandwidth has got to expand, to deal with
- 15 data streaming and all of the other uses other than voice
- 16 that are now, these devices are now being used for. There
- 17 will be people who will pay a premium because they want
- 18 access. They want it solid in their home, in their
- 19 basements, wherever they are in their home, and that=s
- 20 what=s happening in the United States today.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 23 Q Do you have that individual=s name?
- 24 A No, I don=t.
- 25 Q The study that you said you did in 2002 to 2008

- 1 where people bought and sold houses and the prices
- 2 increased, do you have any specific cases? The street
- 3 addresses?
- 4 A I have the 37 listings, I don=t have them with me,
- 5 of the homes that were sold in Clearview Estates, were
- 6 listed and sold in Clearview Estates.
- 7 Q So did your study take into account like the --
- 8 A Please if I may. That was not a study.
- 9 Q Okay.
- 10 A It was simply a data dump of what homes were sold
- 11 at various times from 2002 to 2010 in Clearview Estates to
- 12 determine how the broker dealt with the existence of the, of
- an incredibly visible monopole. That was the only purpose
- of that analysis. That=s not a study.
- 15 Q At that time of that study, do you know how many
- 16 available houses were for sale in Howard County or wherever
- 17 that study -- was that study just Clearview Estates or was
- 18 it other neighborhoods?
- 19 A Well, again, we have to parse the question. The
- 20 data dump started I think in 2002 or 3. How many were
- 21 listed and didn=t sell in 2002, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and
- 22 11? I mean, that=s the generic question that you=re trying
- 23 to get at. If you want to start at 2010, probably there
- 24 were a lot of listings, I don=t really know, because the
- 25 market=s not so great, but prices are still going up in

1 Clearview Estates from 2002. They, they fell in 2006 and 7

- 2 obviously, because of the economy but they have stabilized
- 3 and now gone back up, even with the presence of the
- 4 monopole. But how many were listed and didn=t sell or were
- 5 pulled or foreclosed? I can=t answer the question.
- 6 Q Do you have a specific address of a property that
- 7 sold before the monopole and sold after the monopole?
- 8 A As I said in my testimony, the pole went up in
- 9 1992. The subdivision was, or the land, the farmer sold the
- 10 land to a builder developer in 1994, so the pole existed
- 11 before the subdivision was created.
- 13 at that time when the pole went up?
- 14 A I can=t --
- 16 A I can=t answer the question. I don=t know.
- 17 Q Okay. I=m trying to get a clear understanding of
- 18 do we have a specific house, property that sold for a
- 19 certain price and then after the pole went up, sold for me.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: Right. He testified earlier that
- 21 he didn=t do before and after studies because he felt those
- 22 were too influenced by overall changes in the market over
- 23 time so rather, they did comparisons of, not before and
- 24 after, but houses near a monopole and those not near a
- 25 monopole in the same general period of time, within months

of each other, to avoid that problem of changing market.

- 2 Did I summarize that correctly, sir?
- 3 THE WITNESS: That=s exactly correct.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: So I understand your question but
- 5 I=m saying that=s what his testimony is, that he didn=t,
- 6 specifically didn=t do that type of study because of the
- 7 market issues.
- 8 MR. HOCKSTRA: Right.
- 9 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 10 Q Is it correct to assume that from 2002 to 2008,
- 11 all residential real estate in Howard County, or Maryland
- 12 per se, increased in value?
- 13 A From 2002 to about mid-2006 to late 2006, house
- 14 prices increased significantly in Howard and Montgomery
- 15 County. Both Montgomery and Howard County experienced a
- 16 decline. I don=t have a percentage but I think it=s like
- 17 three to eight percent, depends upon neighborhoods. I mean,
- 18 if you want to make a County-wide generic kind of
- 19 generalization, the price dropped from late >06 to maybe
- 20 >09, might have been in the vicinity of 3 to 12 percent
- 21 generally for the whole County. But in other areas, certain
- 22 areas of Montgomery County, prices never even experienced a
- 23 decline. They just kept climbing. They just climbed
- 24 slower. So but from 2000 and, really, 2010 to 2011, I think
- 25 it=s in the public record, the newspapers and MRIS if you

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1 happen to be a member, prices are actually going back up.
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- 2 Not much. They haven=t flattened. They=re going back up.
- 3 MR. HOCKSTRA: I guess you=re not -- are you
- 4 allowed to argue stuff or not?
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: No. You=11 have an opportunity to
- 6 argue at the end, and you=11 also have an opportunity to
- 7 testify yourself in the case but right now, this is your
- 8 opportunity to cross-examine the witness.
- 9 MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- 10 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 11 Q So you live in Montgomery County?
- 12 A Yes.
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Okay. In Brookeville?
- 16 A I go to the restaurants in Brookeville and I
- 17 travel north to Carolina County very frequently.
- 18 Q Is your home address in Brookeville?
- 19 A No.
- MR. HUGHES: Objection.
- THE WITNESS: No.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I guess that --
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Maybe where his office is?
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: -- would go to potentially bias I
- 25 guess so I=m going to let him ask the question.

1 MR. HOCKSTRA: I=m trying to figure out where he

- lives. He was testifying that he, I thought he said he
- 3 lived on Georgia Avenue.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Right. I thought he said that too.
- 5 THE WITNESS: I live on, off Regina Drive which is
- 6 directly connecting to Georgia Avenue. I live about 800
- 7 feet on the east side of Georgia Avenue and Aspen Hill, just
- 8 south of where Connecticut Avenue comes into Georgia Avenue.
- 9 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 10 Q So what is the distance from your house to the
- 11 nearest cell tower?
- 12 A I have a water tower at the intersection of
- 13 Randolph Road and Georgia Avenue that has got its entire
- 14 surface populated with communication devices, and that=s
- 15 about 1,000 feet. I can=t see it.
- 16 O Okay. Do you know the height?
- 17 A Topography and trees.
- 18 Q Do you know the height of that water tower?
- 19 A It=s kind of irrelevant because there are some
- 20 very tall structures. I suspect it=s in the 100 to 130
- 21 feet.
- 22 Q At what distance would a monopole and a rural
- 23 cluster, such as the one you=re testifying against, decrease
- the property value of a home?
- 25 A Based on my market evidence --

- 1 Q I=m sorry. The pricing.
- 2 A That=s okay. In my opinion, based on the studies
- 3 that we=ve completed, there would be no impact.
- 4 Q So for my property, if I put one 120 feet off the
- 5 house, it would not decrease my pricing.
- 6 A In my opinion, based on the studies that we=ve
- 7 conducted, no. That=s correct. It would not have an impact
- 8 on the price of your home or its marketability.
- 9 MR. HOCKSTRA: That=s all my questions for right
- 10 now.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: Any redirect?
- MR. HUGHES: No, thank you.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Thank you, Mr. Thorne.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Yes. Thank you.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Appreciate it. All right. Why
- don=t we take a five minute break here until 12 noon.
- 17 MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 18 (Whereupon, at 11:54 a.m., a brief recess was
- 19 taken.)
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: And your next witness is, Mr.
- 21 Hughes?
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Grossman. I would
- 23 call Mr. Curtis Jews.
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Mr. Jews, would you raise
- 25 your right hand, please?

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1 (Witness sworn.)
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- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Welcome back to my
- 3 hearing room.
- 4 MR. JEWS: Good to see you, Mr. Grossman.
- 5 MR. HUGHES: I=m going to ask him if he can
- 6 recognize a document which is a bio.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 8 MR. HUGHES: Because of my error in not bringing
- 9 copies, we got this from another file so --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Oh, okay.
- 11 MR. HUGHES: I don=t know if you want me to
- 12 scribble it out or leave this stickie on because it shows as
- 13 an exhibit from another case.
- MR. GROSSMAN: We=ll cross it out.
- MR. HUGHES: Let me give a copy to Mr. Hockstra.
- 16 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 18 Q Are you able to identify this document, Mr. Jews?
- 19 A Yes, sir.
- Q What is it?
- 21 A It=s my resume.
- 22 Q Okay. Thank you.
- MR. GROSSMAN: This document being now Exhibit 24.
- 24 (Exhibit No. 24 was marked for
- identification.)

1 MR. HUGHES: Thank you. I=d like to offer it into

- 2 evidence, Mr. Grossman.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, we don=t usually do that
- 4 until the end.
- 5 MR. HUGHES: Okay.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 7 Q Mr. Jews, can you please tell us a little bit
- 8 about your educational and professional background?
- 9 A Sure. I have my certification in service computer
- 10 technology received in 1996. I am the radio frequency lead
- 11 engineer for T-Mobile. I am in charge of the entire State
- of Maryland, or responsible for the entire State of
- 13 Maryland, Virginia and the City of Washington D.C.
- 14 Q And how long have you been working as a radio
- 15 frequency engineer on telecommunication sites?
- 16 A For over 12 years.
- 17 Q And during those 12 years, if this matter is a
- 18 site, one site, about how many sites have you worked on?
- 19 A Close to 3,000.
- 20 Q And how long have you been working on the T-Mobile
- 21 project?
- 22 A The T-Mobile project, been for a couple, about a
- 23 year on this particular market.
- Q Okay. And what are some of the other projects you
- 25 worked on in your 12 years, your more recent projects?

- 1 A Long Island, New York. North Carolina.
- 2 Q For T-Mobile?
- 3 A For T-Mobile, that=s correct.
- 4 Q Okay. And when you say this one for about a year,
- 5 you mean in the Baltimore/Washington --
- 6 A I=m sorry. In the Washington, D.C./Baltimore
- 7 area.
- 8 Q That you worked on other T-Mobile projects.
- 9 A That is correct.
- 10 Q Have you ever testified before at a zoning hearing
- 11 like this?
- 12 A Yes, I have.
- 13 Q Have you ever been recognized as an expert?
- 14 A Yes, I have.
- 15 Q Have you ever been recognized as an expert, or
- 16 about how many times, if you know, have you been recognized
- 17 as an expert?
- 18 A Four to -- about five times.
- 19 Q In Montgomery County or overall?
- 20 A Overall.
- 21 Q What are some of the jurisdictions you=ve been
- 22 recognized as an expert in?
- 23 A Once again, Montgomery County, Anne Arundel,
- 24 Howard, Loudoun and there=s one more, Frederick I believe.
- 25 Q The City of Frederick?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q And, I=m sorry, you said you have been recognized
- 3 before in Montgomery County before this body.
- 4 A Yes, I have.
- 5 Q And you=re familiar with this site, is that
- 6 correct?
- 7 A Yes, I am.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 MR. HUGHES: Mr. Grossman, I=d like to offer him
- 10 as an expert in radio frequency engineering and cell site
- 11 design.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And cell site design?
- MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 14 MR. GROSSMAN: I don=t know if he=s been
- 15 recognized as an expert. I know --
- MR. HUGHES: That=s broad.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: I=ve recognized him as an expert in
- 18 radio frequency.
- 19 MR. HUGHES: Radio frequency. I apologize.
- 20 That=s broad. I apologize. That=s -- you=re right.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 22 MR. HUGHES: Radio frequency engineering.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Any questions regarding
- this witness= expertise, Mr. Hockstra?
- MR. HOCKSTRA: No, sir.

1 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Given that Mr. Jews has

- 2 testified before me as a radio frequency engineer expert, I
- 3 so certify him in this case.
- 4 MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 5 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 6 Q Mr. Jews, can you tell us, and then perhaps you
- 7 can show us with some visuals, can you tell us why this
- 8 facility is being proposed here by T-Mobile?
- 9 A Okay. Currently in the, in the area -- I=d like
- 10 to be a bit more specific. Can I have the second slate?
- 11 O I=m sorry.
- 12 A Not just in the area. That proximity --
- 13 Q Okay. Let me give this to Mr. Hockstra first.
- 14 I=ll ask you if you can identify this document.
- 15 A Yes. This is a, a site proximity map.
- 16 O What does that mean or what=s it show?
- MR. GROSSMAN: Do we have a copy of this in the
- 18 record already?
- 19 MR. HUGHES: No, sir. I don=t believe so.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Okay. What this shows is one, the
- 22 location of the proposed wireless facility which is labeled
- as 7 WAN 576D Sunshine Farms, LLC. And then what you have
- 24 surrounding it, which is represented as green flags, are the
- 25 existing on-air sites, the existing T-Mobile on-air sites.

- 1 BY MR. HUGHES:
- Q Okay. And those sites could be, is it true to say
- 3 they could be sites that T-Mobile owns and is at the top or
- 4 they could be sites that other structures and people own and
- 5 you just co-locate on it, is that correct?
- 6 A That is correct.
- 7 O Okay.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So this will be Exhibit
- 9 25, and this is, do you want to call it a cell tower
- 10 vicinity map? Is that what you --
- 11 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 12 (Exhibit No. 25 was marked for
- identification.)
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Answer your earlier question?
- 16 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 17 Q You can continue, yes, sir.
- 18 A Okay. To answer your, the question that you asked
- 19 earlier, the area where the proposed facility, Sunshine
- 20 Farms, LLC, this particular area right now is in need of
- 21 improved coverage for voice and also for data. At this
- 22 time, there is coverage but it is unreliable coverage, and
- 23 I=11 speak to that when we introduce the coverage map.
- Q Mr. Jews, I=m going to ask you if you can identify
- 25 some documents and give Mr. Hockstra some copies. Are you

- 1 able to identify these two documents?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Can you tell --
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: These are just copies of 9A and B.
- 5 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 7 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 8 Q Can you tell us what they are?
- 9 A These are coverage maps or propagation maps.
- 10 Q Okay. And one is labeled at the bottom current
- on-air coverage and the other one is labeled lots.
- 12 A WAN.
- 13 O The WAN 576D at 120 feet, is that correct?
- 14 A That=s correct.
- 15 Q Can you explain to us, and tell us which map
- 16 you=re talking about, what they show?
- 17 A Okay. I=ll go with, I think this is going to be
- 18 9A, current on-air coverage.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I=m going to find out which is
- 20 which in here.
- THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: I=m looking in the file. Hold on a
- 23 second. Okay. Yes. 9A is current coverage.
- 24 THE WITNESS: Okay. All right. What this map is
- 25 showing is the current coverage or the state of the coverage

- 1 for T-Mobile at this time, and let me explain it, the
- 2 colors. We have green, blue and yellow. Green is your in-
- 3 building coverage, the coverage you can experience inside of
- 4 your home, business. Blue is your in-vehicle coverage which
- 5 is the coverage you will have inside of your vehicle or car.
- 6 And the yellow is the coverage you can expect on street if
- 7 you=re holding a phone to your ear or using your hands-free.
- 8 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 9 Q Okay. And what do these maps tell us? What do
- 10 they mean to T-Mobile current and future customers?
- 11 A Okay. What it means is this is an area where we
- would like this, where this proposed facility, WAN 576D is
- 13 located, this area is where we would like to improve the
- 14 coverage for the, our customers or folks traveling along
- 15 Georgia Avenue or New Hampshire Avenue and Damascus Road.
- Q And if this site was approved, what does this map
- 17 show? What would it mean to customers? Really, what would
- 18 it mean to them?
- 19 A Their service would be enhanced or improved.
- 20 Q And that=s shown by the WAN 576D at 120 that you
- 21 noted the colors. There=s a lot more green at that point.
- 22 A That=s correct. It=s filled in. So the areas
- where there was predominant blue and yellow, it is now
- 24 green.
- 25 Q Okay.

- 1 A Less of blue and less of yellow.
- 2 Q What are T-Mobile=s objectives as far as coverage
- 3 for its customers? Where do customers want their coverage
- 4 to be?
- 5 A These days, they would like to have reliable
- 6 coverage in their homes and their businesses.
- 7 Q And is it true that -- well, so there=s coverage
- 8 and there=s also capacity needs, is that true?
- 9 A That=s correct.
- 11 A Sure. Well, of course, we still do use our phones
- 12 for voice calls but now, the popularity in data or smart
- 13 phone usage has created a great demand for resources or the
- 14 capacity or coverage in order to allow our users or our
- 15 customers to use their smart phones in an uninterrupted way
- 16 which is due to absence of coverage or lack of coverage.
- 17 Q So when you talk about data usage, what are some
- 18 examples of data usage through a wireless phone?
- 19 A Sure. Internet. Texting. Streaming, video
- 20 streaming.
- 21 Q And it=s fair to say that those, do they use a lot
- 22 of capacity?
- 23 A Yes. A lot of these applications use a lot of
- 24 memory so in order to do that, we need to, they would have
- 25 the resources for them to, to use these applications

- 1 seamlessly.
- 2 Q And does T-Mobile also, besides wireless phones,
- 3 do they also provide wireless internet through the phone or
- 4 any tablets that are supported, like computer tablets?
- 5 A Yes, they do.
- 6 Q So if this site was approved and built, based on
- 7 what this plot shows and your testimony, the folks who live
- 8 there in the area or travel in the area or work in the area
- 9 or come to people=s homes to do work would have much more
- 10 reliable T-Mobile service, is that correct?
- 11 A That=s correct.
- 12 Q Is it your understanding that more calls are made
- to 911 currently from wireless phones than from land line
- 14 phones?
- 15 A I am aware of that.
- 16 Q If you=re aware, is it true that close to 300,000
- 17 calls are made to 911 each day from wireless phones?
- 18 A I=m aware of that statistic.
- 19 Q Not just from T-Mobile but just from --
- 20 A Yeah. I=m aware of that.
- 21 Q And do you have some data related to 911 calls
- 22 that T-Mobile customers have made in and around this area?
- 23 A I do.
- 24 Q Okay. Looking back at No. 25, the site proximity
- 25 map or the site area map --

- 1 A Um-hum.
- 3 sites? Is that correct?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And from these sites, did you only pull data from
- 6 the sites, antennas that are pointing in towards the
- 7 proposed site or was there some other way you collected this
- 8 data?
- 9 A I did it both for the total site but also, only
- 10 the antennas that serve this area. This area being the area
- 11 of New Hampshire Avenue, intersection of New Hampshire
- 12 Avenue and Georgia Avenue.
- 13 Q And do you recall, if you know off the top of your
- 14 head or if you need a document to help you, do you recall if
- 15 you pulled some stats that showed those four sites as they
- 16 pull in from those sectors --
- 17 A Um-hum.
- 18 Q -- how many 911 calls you got in a recent 13 month
- 19 period?
- 20 A I do. Okay. Now, serving only these sectors --
- 21 and let me explain the sectors. We usually have three
- 22 sections of a site, A, B and C, or we use alpha, beta and
- 23 gamma. And what I=ve done is only collected the number of
- 24 911 calls of the antennas that serve that affected area.
- 25 And for that 13 month period, there were 3,429 911 calls.

1 MR. GROSSMAN: By the way, why a 13-month period

- 2 as opposed to a year?
- 3 THE WITNESS: I mean, well --
- 4 MR. HUGHES: Good question.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Actually, sorry, actually, it
- 6 should be a year because I went August to August on this one
- 7 so that=s --
- 8 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 9 Q It=s a good question. Or could you subtract the
- 10 first month?
- 11 A I could, yeah.
- 12 Q But for a 13-month period. Okay. So I=m sorry.
- 13 What was the number again, 30, 39?
- 14 A It was 3,429.
- 15 Q Okay.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: 3,429 911 calls in this sector.
- 17 MR. HUGHES: Those four sites.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Those four sites serving that area.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 20 Q That point in towards the proposed site, is that
- 21 correct?
- 22 A That=s correct.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right. And was that for the 12-
- 24 month or 13-month period?
- THE WITNESS: Twelve.

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1 MR. GROSSMAN: And that=s which year are we
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- 2 talking about?
- 3 THE WITNESS: From --
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: August.
- 5 THE WITNESS: From >10 to, to present.
- 6 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 7 Q September >10 to, through August?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q >11.
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Is it a 12 month period or 13 month period? I
- 12 apologize.
- 13 A Actually, that=s going to be 12.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 16 O Okay. You did the subtraction?
- 17 A Yeah.
- 18 Q Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So 3,429.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 21 Q And do you have similar stats that show how many
- 22 dropped calls in that same time period from the same site
- 23 sectors?
- MR. GROSSMAN: Dropped 911 calls or dropped calls
- 25 overall.

1 MR. HUGHES: No. Just dropped overall calls.

- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 3 THE WITNESS: I have to --
- 4 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 5 Q Subtract that one?
- 6 A Yeah. Actually, they went over on this one. I
- 7 gave, I gave a whole lot more. Actually, I did like 15
- 8 months of this.
- 9 Okay. Let=s come back to that.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: It can be -- it doesn=t really
- 11 matter if it=s a 15. As long as we identify the length of
- 12 the period.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 14 Q Yes. Say how many months it is, from what to
- 15 what.
- 16 A This one is actually showing 15.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: Fifteen months?
- 18 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- MR. GROSSMAN: From when to when?
- 20 THE WITNESS: This is from June actually to August
- 21 >11.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: June >10 to August >11.
- THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- MR. GROSSMAN: How many dropped calls?
- 25 THE WITNESS: 4,231.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: 4,231. Okay.
- 2 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 3 Q And do you also have some stats from a recent
- 4 certain amount of month period about the total call attempts
- 5 from those four sites and four sectors?
- 6 A Yeah. Surrounding site call attempts.
- 7 O Yes. What months?
- 8 A This is also going to be 15 months once again, Mr.
- 9 Grossman.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. 6/10 to 8/11.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yes. That total number is 583,718.
- 12 MR. GROSSMAN: And that number reflects what?
- 13 MR. HUGHES: The number of total call attempts.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Number of calls.
- 15 MR. GROSSMAN: The total call attempts.
- 16 BY MR. HUGHES:
- Q Can you define what a call attempt is?
- 18 A A call attempt is whenever a user tries to access
- 19 the network.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: And that=s also in that sector.
- 21 THE WITNESS: That=s correct. Only serving that
- 22 area. That=s not an aggregate of the total.
- 23 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. 583,718.
- THE WITNESS: That=s correct.
- 25 BY MR. HUGHES:

1 Q And if this site was approved and built, would it

- 2 help you with the percentages of dropped calls?
- 3 A It would decrease, it will aid in decreasing the
- 4 number of dropped calls.
- 5 Q And would it potentially help collect 911 calls in
- 6 and around this area?
- 7 A Yes, it will.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: If I=m understanding these figures
- 9 correctly, less than one percent of the calls are dropped,
- 10 is that correct?
- 11 THE WITNESS: If you=re, you=re comparing it to
- the total, sorry, the call attempts?
- MR. GROSSMAN: Yes.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: That less than one percent of the
- 16 call attempts are dropped.
- 17 THE WITNESS: That=s correct.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: And is that considered sufficient
- 19 to warrant any additional coverage?
- 20 THE WITNESS: You can -- I don=t think we could
- 21 just base it on that because one, we don=t know the nature
- 22 of, yes, it=s a small amount but we don=t know the nature of
- 23 that. All 911 calls obviously are important if they dial
- 24 911 but it=s just not --
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: I=m not talking about the --

- 1 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 2 Q He=s talking about overall calls.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: I mean overall calls. You dropped
- 4 4,231 out of 583,000.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Um-hum.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: So that=s less than one percent.
- 7 THE WITNESS: That is correct.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: So what I=m saying is when you have
- 9 that small number of dropped calls, is that sufficient to
- 10 warrant an expanded service via putting another cell tower
- 11 there?
- 12 THE WITNESS: If you=re just using it only as the
- 13 criteria of, of, or motivation behind wanting to build this
- 14 facility, then I guess it would be no, but that=s not the
- only thing that is taken into consideration.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: And what else is taken into
- 17 consideration?
- 18 THE WITNESS: What else is taken into
- 19 consideration is the fact that this isn=t speaking to like
- 20 the data usage or the customer experience as far as the
- 21 customer complaints that we receive from not being able to
- 22 use their devices that they pay for such as the smart phones
- 23 to stream video seamlessly and have connection issues or
- 24 attempt issues.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And you have other data

- 1 that reflects that?
- 2 THE WITNESS: I do not have the customer complaint
- 3 data. A lot of that stuff is -- we try to share as much as
- 4 can, some of that stuff is proprietary. But I did try to
- 5 share some data to show the performance of the site on that
- 6 area.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: I have a problem with saying that
- 8 the data that you gave me doesn=t indicate that you need the
- 9 cell tower but there=s other data that you haven=t given me
- 10 that indicates you do need it.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Um-hum.
- MR. GROSSMAN: So I think that=s problematic, Mr.
- 13 Hughes.
- MR. HUGHES: Well, I guess I would take exception
- 15 to that. There=s a lot that goes into the cell site. I
- 16 think your specific question to him was maybe from the
- 17 outside, does it look like one percent is a need. We=ll
- 18 have testimony, I think there is testimony that it shows on
- 19 the maps that the coverage is not very reliable here. The
- 20 coverage shows it would get reliable for in-building. It=s
- 21 also testimony that this is going to continue to help as
- 22 increase, the demand on the system=s work for data, as has
- 23 been testified and voice will continue. So while one
- 24 percent in itself may not seem like a lot, there=s still,
- 25 we=re talking about thousands of calls here and it=s very

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1 important to those people who have their calls dropped.
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- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, your witness said to me that
- 3 one percent is not significant. It=s the other things, it=s
- 4 the other data that is significant.
- 5 THE WITNESS: No. In all due respect, Mr.
- 6 Grossman, I didn=t say that it was not significant. I was
- 7 trying to answer your question as if you use just the
- 8 criteria of saying it=s less than one percent and using that
- 9 as the basis of saying okay, there=s a need for this site,
- 10 then I would say no if you=re just using that alone.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: Right. So I characterize that as
- 12 insignificant if you=re using that alone. And you said
- 13 there=s other data that supports it because of other factors
- 14 but you=re not willing to share what that other data is and
- 15 that=s why I say I think that=s problematic. You can=t come
- 16 to me and say to me that I=m giving you data that doesn=t
- 17 show a need, but there=s a need and I=m not showing you the
- 18 other data. That=s what you=re saying to me, Mr. Hughes.
- 19 MR. HUGHES: That=s if you=re looking at his
- 20 testimony in a vacuum and the documents in a vacuum. He=s
- 21 talking about, he=s already talked about overall needs. I
- 22 mean, the decision is not just on data. It=s on testimony
- 23 under oath, it=s about these maps, it=s about the
- 24 statistics, it=s about --
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, where do the maps, what=s the

- data on which the maps are based?
- MR. HUGHES: What=s the data? Okay.
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q Can you explain what these propagation maps, how
- 5 they are, what they show and how they are created?
- 6 A Basically what they=re showing is -- okay.
- 7 Q Step back and talk to us like we are laypeople,
- 8 which at least I am, for what these maps show and what they
- 9 mean.
- 10 A Okay. Right now, in this area, let=s see, where
- 11 we=re proposing to build the site, there are some homes
- 12 along New Hampshire Avenue where there are a cluster of
- 13 homes there, and also along Roxbury Mill Road and along
- 14 Damascus Road. Now, the challenge becomes if you look to
- 15 the, where, using the current on-air coverage, for example,
- 16 map, if you --
- 17 O Is it also true that businesses at the
- 18 intersection of 650 and 97?
- 19 A That is correct. But I want to speak to the
- location and also, the need. 7 WAN 576D, if you look
- 21 southwest of that area, there=s a park which is the Rachel
- 22 Carson Conservation Park. And then to the north, north --
- 23 MR. GROSSMAN: 7 WAN 560? I don=t see that on
- 24 here.
- 25 THE WITNESS: 7 WAN 56 -- 7 WAN 576, sorry.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Oh, okay.
- THE WITNESS: Southwest, there=s a Rachel Carson
- 3 Conservation Park and then also, if you go north of 7 WAN
- 4 576D location, north, northwest, there=s the Patuxent River
- 5 State Park. Now, obviously, these are bodies of trees,
- 6 foliage. So right now, using, I mean, using this location
- 7 is ideal because it helps fill in this area where customers
- 8 are, that are in vicinity of this park, they=re not getting
- 9 the coverage, obviously, as you look here on the map where
- 10 you see that it=s predominantly yellow. So --
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: But the question, Mr. Jews, is how
- 12 do we know that they=re not getting the coverage. What
- 13 you=ve given me is -- so far, the data you=ve given me is
- 14 calls dropped and number of 911 calls made --
- MR. HUGHES: Well, that=s --
- MR. GROSSMAN: -- and then the total calls.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Um-hum.
- 18 MR. HUGHES: That=s part of the data. The data
- 19 also is the map that hopefully, he=s going to explain a
- 20 little more for you.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Using the, using the site stats,
- 22 surrounding site=s call attempt data, what I=m trying to
- 23 show is the amount of volume, the amount of calls, the call
- 24 attempts on the network, the strain on the network, and what
- 25 this will do is aid in providing additional resources to the

1 four sites that are outside of this area that are trying to

- 2 service this area but is not that effective obviously
- 3 because of what I=m showing here is the lack of in-building
- 4 coverage or reliable coverage.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, and I=m asking you where does
- 6 the map come from that shows the lack of in-building
- 7 coverage? What is that based on?
- 8 THE WITNESS: That=s --
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: How do you --
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 11 Q How do you create it?
- 12 MR. GROSSMAN: -- arrive at the conclusion that
- 13 you only have yellow in that area, in that sector?
- 14 THE WITNESS: Right. What I, what I, how that use
- 15 that is basically my propagation tool which is using the
- 16 existing structures.
- 17 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 18 Q Is it a computer model?
- 19 A It is a computer model.
- 20 O Start from the basics for us. How is it created
- 21 and what does it show?
- 22 A Okay. It=s created by drive test data that we=ve,
- 23 that we=ve collected and it uses the drive test data that
- 24 we=ve collected. And within this modeling software, there
- 25 are different morphology types that are analyzed.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: What does that mean?
- THE WITNESS: Morphology types. There could be
- 3 suburban or rural or dense urban, and there are certain
- 4 losses associated in those different morphology types.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: What do you mean certain losses?
- 6 THE WITNESS: Losses. Well, when RF propagates
- 7 throughout the atmosphere, there are certain losses. There
- 8 are certain --
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Losses in signals?
- 10 THE WITNESS: -- losses in signal strength. So
- 11 at, in residential areas, you have maybe 30 to maybe 40
- 12 foot, at a max, buildings or homes versus dense urban, you
- 13 have a lot taller, 10-story buildings. So the losses will
- 14 be different and also, the height of the wireless facilities
- 15 will be different. So all of those things are taken into
- 16 account. So that is how these sites are used for the
- 17 modeling so that we can have the most accurate predictions
- or models that we use so if I come before you and say this
- 19 is the coverage that we have with our existing sites or with
- 20 this proposed site, I can confidently say this is true and
- 21 accurate.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: So you=re telling me you did drive
- 23 studies to get the data, initially, upon which the current
- on-air coverage in Exhibit 9A is based.
- 25 THE WITNESS: For the models that we=re using,

- 1 yes.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: And so when were these drive
- 3 studies done?
- 4 THE WITNESS: A lot of times we like to do these
- 5 drive studies when the trees are mature, during summer or
- 6 spring months because if we do them in the winter, that=s
- 7 misleading and then the models become too optimistic.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: So when were the drive studies done
- 9 that resulted in Exhibit 9A?
- 10 THE WITNESS: I can only -- I=m not sure the
- 11 actual time but I know the season was in the summer so
- 12 that=s the worst case scenario.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I mean, was it 10 years ago,
- 14 was it last year?
- THE WITNESS: No. It=s not, not 10 years ago. We
- 16 just did a new upgrade on the modeling so I would say about
- 17 within six months to a year.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. And explain exactly what is
- 19 done in a drive study.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Okay. What is done in the drive
- 21 study is we have a data collector who will have a receiver
- in his or her automobile with the cell phones inside of the
- automobile, and they will drive around on many, many roads
- 24 to collect as many samples as possible to make the, the data
- 25 as dense as possible. And what that does is it allows us to

- 1 see exactly how much losses we=re going to have on this
- 2 road, this road, this road within a, let=s say a residential
- 3 community morphology or a dense urban community morphology,
- 4 commercial. It just shows us how much, what are the losses
- 5 that are going to be associated in that area.
- Then if a site, such as these neighboring sites
- 7 around, fall in that certain morphology, we could say okay,
- 8 this site falls in a residential morphology. We have a
- 9 model that we can use. We=ll plug that model into that one
- 10 because this will have the most accurate results possible.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So that drive study
- 12 resulted in Exhibit 9A and shows that you have, on-street
- 13 coverage in the sector in question, or in much of it anyway,
- 14 and in-vehicle coverage, in much of it, but you don=t have,
- 15 it looks like you don=t have an in-building coverage, is
- 16 that correct?
- 17 THE WITNESS: That is correct.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: And then you come in with Exhibit
- 19 9B which is what your projected coverage would be if you
- 20 were to, were allowed to establish this proposed cell tower,
- 21 is that correct?
- 22 THE WITNESS: That is correct.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And how did you reach the
- 24 conclusion that the proposed cell tower will give you the
- 25 coverage of, all the green showing on this in-building

- 1 coverage that=s showing on this Exhibit 9B?
- 2 THE WITNESS: I came up with that conclusion based
- 3 on the clutter types or the morphology types of the area, so
- 4 let me explain it to you this way.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, is there a computer that
- 6 generates this?
- 7 THE WITNESS: Yes. The same tool. And I=m going,
- 8 I=m going to talk about that right now.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 10 THE WITNESS: What the, the tool does, the
- 11 propagation model tool does that I have, there=s a feature
- 12 where it will overlay the morphology or clutter types in
- 13 that area. For example, by color codes where, okay, if it=s
- 14 residential, I have it as let=s say pink. If it=s foliage
- or dense trees, it will show it as green. So based on those
- 16 colors, I can assign the appropriate models for that area
- 17 because I know that it=s already taken into account all of
- 18 those different characteristics. It will have, it will take
- 19 into account trees, it will take into account the height and
- 20 the spacing in between residential properties. So that=s
- 21 how I came up with the models to use and this coverage.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Now, you also --
- THE WITNESS: And -- sorry.
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: -- indicated that there=s a total
- of 583,718 calls attempted within this sector. Is, what is

1 considered to be a number of calls which would be excessive

- 2 for the existing four towers to handle? In other words,
- does the fact that you have 583,000 versus 200,000 calls,
- 4 does that make a difference and if so, what is the cut-off
- or criterion by which you assess when you have too many
- 6 calls being handled by the existing four towers handling the
- 7 sector?
- 8 THE WITNESS: How can I say. The -- that, that
- 9 varies. It varies because of the morphology types, rural,
- 10 suburban and dense urban, it=s different. I will classify
- 11 this area as a bit of a rural/suburban area. So based on
- that, where there=s 580 or over 500,000 call attempts, I=d
- 13 say that=s a, that=s quite a number of calls for this area.
- 14 So I would say that that would be justification to say we
- 15 need to have some additional resources in this area.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, does the number of calls
- impact on the level of service? So when you have four
- 18 towers handling this number of calls, you get less service
- 19 than if you had the fifth tower in the middle?
- THE WITNESS: Yeah. What happens also is it, I
- 21 said that it puts a strain and what I mean by the strain is
- 22 once again, everyone has smart phones and they expect to be
- 23 able to use and get the, get the service that they paid for.
- Now, when you --
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, not everyone. Everyone

- 1 doesn=t have them.
- THE WITNESS: Well, a lot of people. What happens
- 3 is the more people that you have using these sites, the
- 4 slower the data speeds. We don=t -- you simply just do not
- 5 have the resources to give them the data speeds that they=re
- 6 looking for. Also, they=re -- also you=ll see the dropped
- 7 calls that will happen but once again, it goes to the
- 8 resources, it goes to not being able to have the ability to
- 9 stream data when you would like or view the internet the way
- 10 that you would like.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And you=re testifying
- 12 that without this tower, many users of this, the smart
- 13 phones or those who wish to stream data will not get
- 14 adequate service?
- THE WITNESS: That is correct. Will be impacted.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 17 MR. HUGHES: Thank you. Just a few more
- 18 questions, Mr. Grossman.
- 19 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 20 Q So is it fair to say that wireless services are
- 21 continuing to evolve and we=re evolving from a place where
- 22 telephone use was the bulk of it and now capacity has taken
- 23 the bulk of it away from telephone use or adding to
- 24 telephone use? Is that fair to say?
- 25 A It=s taking away. I mean, now, the growing trend

1 is to have your mobile phone. I personally have my mobile

- 2 phone as my home phone. That=s everything.
- 3 Q So people are still, is it fair to say that people
- 4 are still talking an awful lot on their cell phones?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q That=s growing still but it=s not growing at the
- 7 percentage it was perhaps the last decade?
- 8 A That=s correct.
- 9 Q But is it also true to say that the data growth
- 10 has gone up tremendously in the last few years? Is that
- 11 fair to say?
- 12 A That is fair.
- 13 Q And has T-Mobile projected those data numbers will
- 14 continue to grow in a rapid fashion in the next two years?
- 15 A It=s going to continue to increase.
- 16 O Okay. So is it true, fair to say you=re trying to
- 17 continue to provide good and keep up for wireless service
- 18 but you also need to watch this data demand you=ve been
- 19 talking about?
- 20 A Yes. The data usage. Yes.
- 21 O So these traditional tools and some of the tools
- 22 we have here today such as this, these maps, these maps show
- 23 coverage, is that correct?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Do they show capacity?

- 1 A They do not show capacity.
- Q Okay. So explain to those of us here, there=s a
- distinction between capacity and coverage, correct?
- 4 A Um-hum.
- 5 Q There=s two sides of a coin perhaps as far as
- 6 providing wireless services.
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q So this, these maps show wireless coverage. Can
- 9 you explain a little bit more about capacity and challenges
- 10 to capacity?
- 11 A Sure. Capacity, you have to, once -- okay. Using
- this call attempts, once again, if you see there, it=s over
- 13 500,000, this is the number of times someone has tried to
- 14 access the network to use it, whether it=s for data, voice.
- 15 We have to be able to provide them, I quess to be as general
- 16 as possible, the room, the space in order to do that. Some
- 17 users are being denied or once again, they=re given slow
- 18 throughput or a data rate so either they=re not able to
- 19 access, they=re not able to use the application or feature
- 20 that they have paid for, or it=s not going to operate in the
- 21 way that they would like. So capacity will allow them to do
- 22 that but in order to have that capacity, we have to first
- 23 provide the coverage. So they, they work hand-in-hand.
- Q Is it fair to say in some areas where you have
- 25 coverage, you still need to add new cell sites to handle the

- 1 capacity, the volume? Is that fair to say?
- 2 A That is fair to say.
- 3 Q Okay. But in this case, you actually need both
- 4 coverage and capacity, is that true?
- 5 A That is true.
- 6 Q Is it true that T-Mobile=s data usages by its
- 7 customers are doubling about every six or seven months? Is
- 8 that your understanding?
- 9 A I do understand and am aware of that.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: It would be much better, Mr.
- 11 Hughes, if you didn=t lead the witness continuously, if you
- 12 just asked him non-leading questions.
- 13 MR. HUGHES: Okay. I=m sorry, Mr. Grossman. Yes,
- 14 sir.
- 15 MR. GROSSMAN: I mean, It would mean a lot more in
- 16 terms of -- there is no objection but usually, if it=s your
- own witness, it=s, you=re not supposed to be putting words
- in his mouth which is what you=re continually doing.
- 19 MR. HUGHES: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Grossman. I
- 20 apologize.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 22 Q Just jumping back to just coverage, and perhaps
- there=s capacity, you can explain that, is there a certain
- 24 number that engineers in wireless connectivity or wireless
- 25 business like to use as far as success of calls that you=re

- 1 aware of?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 O And what would that be?
- 4 A Generally, we like to at least be under two
- 5 percent.
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Under two percent of what?
- 9 THE WITNESS: Of access failures or drops.
- 10 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 11 Q And in this area and with the increased coverage,
- 12 capacity needs, explain again why this site would help with
- 13 the customer experience moving forward.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, if I understand it, you=ve
- 15 met that criteria already. You are under two percent.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Right.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Without the tower.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Right. But the issue is the amount
- of volume in this area, and that is showing me that there is
- 20 an additional need for resources in this area to provide the
- 21 capacity to aid in helping the surrounding sites that are
- 22 trying to do basically all that they can to serve this area.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 24 Q I think Mr. Grossman is looking at today.
- 25 A Yeah.

1 Q Is everything staying the same as today? Are the

- 2 number of calls and number of usage staying the same today?
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: I=m actually looking at whatever
- 4 evidence you present. I mean, I=m just going -- you
- 5 presented the evidence. I=m just commenting on the fact
- 6 that the evidence presented is that the number of dropped
- 7 calls is less than one percent.
- 8 MR. HUGHES: Right. There=s also evidence that
- 9 the usage continues to grow.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I haven=t seen statistical
- 11 evidence.
- MR. HUGHES: There=s testimony under oath.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I haven=t seen statistical
- 14 evidence of it. I mean, I=m not saying that you don=t have
- 15 somebody who can testify to that, and I think it makes
- 16 common sense that it=s growing, I=m just saying that just
- 17 based on the statistics that you=ve given me is all I=m
- 18 saying. I=m not saying the other evidence isn=t considered,
- 19 Mr. Hughes. I=m just telling you that --
- MR. HUGHES: Okay.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: -- that=s what your evidence, your
- 22 statistical evidence that you presented. You said the rest
- of it is proprietary and you=re not willing to share it.
- 24 MR. HUGHES: I don=t know if he said all the rest
- 25 of it is.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: No. I mean the rest of the
- 2 statistical data, the number of complaints and presumably,
- 3 other thing he was unwilling to share.
- 4 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 5 Q In your expert opinion, will this site, if
- 6 approved and built, what would it do to the customer
- 7 experience today, tomorrow and two years down the road?
- 8 A It will give them the reliable coverage that they,
- 9 that they are looking for.
- 10 Q And why is that again?
- 11 A Sorry?
- 12 Q Why will it give them better coverage today,
- 13 tomorrow and next year?
- 14 A It will give them better coverage because there is
- 15 the need for it, far as the commercial properties and
- 16 residential properties in the area. And also with the, once
- 17 again, the call volume shows there=s a need. There=s
- increased demand for it and that=s, this site will aid in
- 19 helping to fulfill that need.
- 20 Q Mr. Jews, if this site was built --
- 21 MR. HUGHES: One second, Mr. Grossman. One
- 22 second, please.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Sure.
- 24 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 25 Q I=m going to ask you if you can identify a

- 1 document and give a copy.
- MR. HUGHES: Here you are, sir.
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q Are you able to identify this document?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Do you need to take a look at it?
- 7 A Yeah.
- 8 Q Can you tell us what this document is?
- 9 A This is a document I prepared that basically says,
- 10 it states that the site will adhere to all FCC guidelines
- 11 and it will not interfere with any public safety sites or
- 12 systems in the area.
- 13 Q And when you talk about FCC standards, you said
- 14 all standards but that includes the health emissions
- 15 standards, is that correct?
- 16 A The health emissions standards and EME.
- 17 Q Okay.
- 18 MR. HUGHES: Those would be my questions on
- 19 direct. Thank you, Mr. Grossman.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Hang on a second. So Exhibit 26
- 21 will be Curtis Jews= certificate of compliance with FCC
- 22 regulations. Well, actually, he says the standards and
- 23 guidelines rather than regulations.
- 24 (Exhibit No. 26 was marked for
- identification.)

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: I take it by that you mean, Mr.
- 2 Jews, that you will not exceed the FCC limits on radio
- 3 frequency emissions, is that correct?
- 4 THE WITNESS: That is correct.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Cross-examination?
- 6 MR. HOCKSTRA: Yes.
- 7 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 8 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 9 Q When you did this A, B, C axis, how many homes are
- 10 in here?
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: I=m sorry. What do you mean by ABC
- 12 access?
- 13 MR. HOCKSTRA: I think he said his data on the
- 14 numbers he was given for dropped calls, emergency calls was
- 15 based off of like axis A, B and C.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Oh, I see. The axis. I=m thinking
- 17 access, A-C-C-E-S-S, but you mean axis, A-X-I-S.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Oh.
- BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 20 Q How many homes are in this area?
- 21 A How many homes? I do not know the total number of
- 22 homes. Now, the A, B, C, those are the sections, the
- 23 sectors of the site.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Each cell tower I take it has three
- 25 directional antenna.

- 1 THE WITNESS: That=s correct.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: And so you took the antenna that
- 3 points in the direction of this site from each of the four
- 4 surrounding towers.
- 5 THE WITNESS: That is correct.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: And you figured out the number of
- 7 calls coming into that antenna. I take it that your
- 8 equipment gathers that data by antenna.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Exactly.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 12 Q Is there 100 houses that this will improve
- 13 coverage for?
- MR. HUGHES: Objection.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, he may ask that question. If
- 16 the witness doesn=t know the answer --
- 17 THE WITNESS: No. I don=t know.
- 18 MR. HUGHES: Okay. I thought he already said he
- 19 didn=t know.
- BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 21 Q So you know how many calls were dropped and were
- done doing a 911 call, correct?
- 23 A That=s correct.
- 24 Q But you don=t know how many houses they came from.
- 25 A No. It=s not, it=s not the houses. It=s only the

- 1 amount of mobiles that are traveling within that area or
- 2 that are being served in that area. It doesn=t talk about
- 3 -- we=re only talking about the mobiles, the mobiles.
- 4 Q Only the mobiles.
- 5 A That=s correct.
- 6 Q But I thought part of your in-building coverage
- 7 was having a mobile inside a building.
- 8 A It=s -- no. What it=s going to do is serve the
- 9 homes in that area but this data isn=t considering this
- 10 home, this home or this home. It=s just strictly mobile
- 11 usage or tablets or what have you.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, you say, by mobile, usage,
- 13 you mean cell phone usage.
- 14 THE WITNESS: That=s correct.
- 15 MR. GROSSMAN: It doesn=t have to be a mobile.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Right.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: It could be -- it is a cell phone
- 18 usage.
- 19 THE WITNESS: But I was saying also devices also,
- 20 yes. MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Maybe wireless would be
- 21 a better word for us to talk about it because I think mobile
- 22 gives the implication of not being inside of a house in the
- 23 sense that it sounds like it=s on the road.
- THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 25 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:

1 Q Do you know how many businesses would be affected,

- 2 you know, would increase their business, or not just,
- 3 business would increase them getting better cell phone
- 4 reception by putting this tower?
- 5 A I do not. I do not know the number of businesses
- 6 or residential properties.
- 7 Q Wouldn=t you think that would be pertinent to for
- 8 your location of the tower in relation to how many
- 9 businesses it would increase their cell phone capability?
- 10 A I think that if you look at the maps that I=ve
- 11 already supplied, you can see that the homes that are in the
- 12 area will be benefitted. I don=t know the exact number but
- 13 I can obviously see that there are going to be homes or
- 14 commercial properties that will be benefitted by the use of
- 15 this facility, but I do not know the exact number.
- 16 O Right. Well, this is rural cluster area.
- 17 A Um-hum.
- 18 Q And half of your improved coverage is in WSSC
- 19 property which does not allow any existing homes, no new
- 20 homes.
- 21 A Um-hum.
- 22 Q So part of your map here, you know, if you were to
- 23 set it on your site plan that you had previously is going to
- 24 show that the majority of this coverage that you=re showing
- 25 as green, better in-building coverage, is in property that

- 1 you cannot even build homes.
- 2 A Um-hum.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Are you aware -- is that a --
- 4 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 5 Q Are you aware of that?
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Are you aware of that fact? Is
- 7 that a fact?
- 8 THE WITNESS: I guess that is a fact but does
- 9 that, does that -- also, there is also a state park. There
- 10 are parks in this area where obviously, people visit and
- 11 frequent so I think they also deserve to have some sort of
- 12 coverage in case it=s some sort of emergency or what have
- 13 you also.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, they=re not in buildings.
- 15 guess the point that --
- 16 THE WITNESS: Understood.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: -- he=s making is that why do you
- 18 need additional in-building coverage when no buildings can
- 19 be built there.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Well, I think that first of all --
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: I guess that=s the point of your
- 22 question?
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Right.
- 24 THE WITNESS: The in-building coverage is going to
- 25 be there because of when the, I could say this, the line of

- 1 the sight of the area, the terrain of the area and also,
- 2 it=s not just okay, well, I just want to have in-building
- 3 coverage in the areas like to waste this, as a waste. It=s
- 4 not that. It=s because of the height of it, the line of
- 5 sight of the area is the reason why I have this nice size of
- 6 in-building coverage.
- 7 It=s not that I just -- also, if you have to --
- 8 look at this, look at it this way. There are --if we go to
- 9 the location of 7 WAN 576D, if you notice, the green is
- 10 mostly focused on the residential properties that area along
- 11 97 going north. Also, it=s focused on the residential
- 12 properties that are going on 650, going west, and there are
- 13 a number of, some sort of development if you go west, or
- 14 sorry, east on New Hampshire Ave. So if you look at where
- 15 the green is targeted, I=m trying to increase the in-
- 16 building coverage to those homes. It=s not just pointing it
- 17 to areas where it=s just a waste.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: So you=re saying that even though a
- 19 large portion of the green area would not be where buildings
- 20 are, there=s also a large portion of it where, in fact,
- 21 there would be buildings that it would assist.
- THE WITNESS: That=s, that=s correct.
- BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 24 Q Are you aware that there=s only currently four
- 25 businesses in the proximity of this tower --

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1 MR. HUGHES: Objection.
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- BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 3 Q -- and they=re all commercial property?
- 4 MR. HUGHES: Objection.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: What=s your objection?
- 6 MR. HUGHES: There=s no facts in evidence about --
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, it=s cross-examination.
- 8 MR. HUGHES: -- how many businesses there are.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: He doesn=t have to have facts in
- 10 evidence to ask that question if in fact he has a basis for
- 11 asking it. I mean, he can=t make up a fact that he has no
- 12 basis for, but it=s cross-examination of a witness and he
- hasn=t had an opportunity to testify yet so it wouldn=t be
- in evidence but he has a perfect right to ask a question
- 15 that he has a basis, a factual basis for and ask the
- 16 witness. So are you aware that --
- 17 THE WITNESS: And my question would be no, I=m --
- 18 MR. HUGHES: You need to answer. Okay. I=m
- 19 sorry. Answer.
- THE WITNESS: My answer would be no, I=m not aware
- 21 because earlier, I said I do not know the number of
- 22 businesses and residential properties, so my answer will
- 23 still remain the same.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 25 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:

- 2 building right there that would be one of the commercial
- 3 properties?
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: When you say right there, what do
- 5 you mean by right there?
- 6 MR. HOCKSTRA: At Georgia and New Hampshire, at
- 7 the intersection.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 9 THE WITNESS: That, that, I do know because of a
- 10 satellite image that I did see of the area. So that, I do
- 11 know, that there is a post office there. I do know that.
- 12 MR. GROSSMAN: What=s the relevance of that?
- MR. HOCKSTRA: That they use a land line to do
- 14 their business, not cell phones. I=m trying to show that
- 15 each business there has land lines that they use and they=re
- 16 not operating their business based off of a cell phone.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 19 Q So I went and, you know, if you go and ask each
- one of them, they each have a land line there and they do
- 21 not operate their business off of a cell phone. So for you
- 22 to say that it=s going to improve business in the area is a
- 23 little misleading.
- MR. HUGHES: Objection.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I asked him. He just

- 1 answered my question. You can=t object to his, his
- 2 answering my inquiry as to why something is relevant. You
- 3 can disagree with it but it=s not objectionable. He=s not
- 4 testifying to that. He=s answering my inquiry as to why it
- 5 is relevant. You can disagree with it and I=ll give the
- 6 opportunity now if you want to to say that it=s, that it=s
- 7 not relevant, but he just answered my question. It=s not
- 8 objectionable. Okay.
- 9 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 10 Of those 911 calls that you recorded, how many of
- 11 those were incorrect 911 calls, hangups?
- 12 A That, I do not know. I just -- how that data is
- 13 recorded is whenever a subscriber or user dials 911 and they
- initiate the call, that=s when it=s recorded.
- 15 O How many times was the police or fire department
- 16 desponded or had to respond to those 911 calls?
- 17 A I do not know when they were deployed. I just
- 18 know that that was the number of calls.
- 19 Q So any benefit of the 911 call actually calling
- 20 the police or the fire department to a property or to
- 21 someone to help or aid them?
- 22 A The benefit would make sure that there=s reliable
- 23 coverage to --
- Q Do you have an exact example?
- 25 A -- to do so.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Let him finish the answer.
- 2 MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- 3 THE WITNESS: No. The benefit is for someone to
- 4 be able to have the confidence to know that that call is
- 5 going to be received by 911. I think that=s the greatest
- 6 benefit.
- 7 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 8 Q But your report of 911 calls do not concur with
- 9 showing that any police or fire department was showing up to
- 10 aid somebody.
- 11 A Yeah. That=s out of my scope. I mean, that=s --
- 12 I can=t answer that. I can=t answer that. I=m only showing
- 13 the number of 911 calls that were received by the antenna or
- 14 antennas in the area being served.
- Q Can your data tell whether any of those 911 calls
- 16 were a mistake?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q How many 911 call mistakes are there in the State
- 19 of Maryland per year?
- 20 A I do not know that statistic. I do not know.
- 21 Q Okay. How many people have in their homes a land
- line and not a cell phone? What is that percentage?
- 23 A I do not know that percentage.
- 24 Q Isn=t it true that the majority of people have
- land lines in their homes and not cell phones?

1 A I don=t know about that. I know that the growing

- 2 popularity of using a mobile phone or phones is something
- 3 that is, that is gaining in popularity but as far as the
- 4 difference between, a ratio between the two, I do not know.
- 5 Q In Montgomery County, does the police, Montgomery
- 6 County Police allow you to text while driving?
- 7 A That is something that we definitely do not
- 8 condone or promote and for far as I know, I don=t know if
- 9 Montgomery County does that or not. I=m not sure.
- 10 Q Isn=t it true that Montgomery County has a statute
- 11 that it=s against the law to text while driving?
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, he said he doesn=t know.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: So he=s the witness. If he doesn=t
- 15 know, he doesn=t know.
- 16 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 18 people were actually texting and create an accident?
- 19 A That, I do not know. That would be an insurance
- 20 company issue.
- 21 Q The RF signal on the tower, could that interfere
- 22 with other RF signals?
- 23 A No. We are, we, T-Mobile, has its own separate
- 24 band separate from AT&T, separate from Verizon, separate
- 25 from Sprint so it would not interfere or cause any sort of

- 1 interference with that or public safety.
- 2 Q So would it interfere with police CB --
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q -- if they were in close proximity to the tower?
- 5 A No.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: I should -- we=re not allowed,
- 7 under FCC regulations and statute. The FCC preempts that
- 8 area. That is the question -- as long as they certify that
- 9 they will follow FCC regulations, the local authorities
- 10 reviewing land use are not permitted to review the possible
- 11 RF frequency interference or any concerns about health
- 12 effects of radio waves. It=s preempted by the Federal
- 13 Government.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- 15 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 16 O What=s the difference between a dropped call and
- 17 someone hanging up? How can the computer or whatever
- 18 register that?
- 19 A Good question. What you have is called a normal
- 20 termination and it records through layer message. That=s
- 21 something that happens in the background during a
- 22 conversation of a call. There=s certain messaging that will
- 23 be reported to the switch that shows that there was a normal
- 24 termination of the call, that the person or the caller hit
- 25 end or just simply closed their phone. But when it=s a

- 1 dropped call, it will show as an abnormal termination or
- 2 something to that. I=m not exactly sure of the nomenclature
- 3 that=s used but it will show that there was an abnormal
- 4 termination of the call. So that=s how it reports a dropped
- 5 call or if it was just a regular ending of a call. And --
- 6 Q And like whose end? Like if I call you and say
- 7 goodbye and I hit end but you don=t hit end, is it
- 8 considered a dropped call because there was no termination
- 9 on your side?
- 10 A No. It is not. As long as they are on either
- end, as long as there was an ending by myself or the party
- that=s on the other line, as long there=s someone hitting
- 13 the end, then it=s not. Now, if I am speaking with the
- 14 other party and neither of us hit end or normally, do a
- 15 normal termination of a call, then that=s a dropped call.
- 16 As long as someone hits it, it=s --
- 17 Q How about cell phone through a land line when you
- 18 just hang up?
- 19 A A cell phone to a land line?
- 20 Q If I=m calling my house and my wife answers and
- 21 I=m on a cell phone. I=m still talking and she says I don=t
- 22 want to talk to you anymore and just hangs up, how is that
- 23 recorded?
- 24 A That=s a personal problem but, no. I mean, no.
- 25 That=s not a dropped call. That=s still a normal

1 termination if she, if she hangs up or if a party hangs up.

- Q Okay.
- 3 A Yeah.
- 4 Q When you were doing your drive by study, how were
- 5 you able to drive back to the WSSC property and record this
- 6 data?
- 7 A Which data?
- 8 Q Your in-building coverage, your in-vehicle
- 9 coverage and your on-street coverage.
- 10 A Um-hum.
- 11 Q I mean, they probably have 1700 acres right there.
- 12 A Yeah, no. What we would do is we have what=s
- 13 called like scan, scan data, and what that does is it takes
- 14 a reading of the state of the network or the type of
- 15 coverage that we have in this area. What that consists of
- 16 is driving on all the major roads, also inside of the
- 17 communities or properties. That=s how we collect this data.
- 18 So it=s, once again, we use that. Then we transfer it over
- 19 to what you have before you. That=s how we=re able to come
- 20 to this conclusion of need.
- 21 Q Okay. So you=re just doing driving. You=re not
- 22 walking into the property to check what the current signal
- is or signal strength.
- 24 A There --
- 25 Q So you=re just driving on the main access roads?

1 A We=re driving on the main access roads, we=re

- 2 driving in the small, in the residential areas and with
- 3 that, we=re able to conclude that there isn=t sufficient
- 4 amount of in-vehicle coverage or, in-vehicle, in-home or on-
- 5 street.
- 6 Q What variables could skew this being an accurate
- 7 reading?
- 8 A If we don=t get the proper amount of samples. Say
- 9 that -- we have to have enough samples to be able to stand
- 10 confidently by what we=re presenting before you. So let=s
- 11 say, for example, if this area has residential properties,
- 12 trees and open land, or open area, I like to try to get
- about over 3,000 to 4,000 samples depending on what clutter
- 14 we have there the most. So that way, I could get an
- 15 accurate reading. So that way, I could say okay, yes.
- 16 If I say that at this height and pointing the
- 17 antennas in this direction, that this is the type of loss
- 18 that=s going to be associated and these are going to be the,
- 19 these are going to be the levels that I would, I can expect
- 20 in this area. So it=s all about the number of samples and
- 21 it=s all about the roads driven.
- 22 Q So how many samples did you guys take?
- 23 A That, I=m not sure. I=m sure that it was an
- 24 adequate amount. I can=t give you -- I don=t know if
- 25 offhand. I just, I don=t know it but I know that it wasn=t

1 an adequate amount. If it wasn=t, I wouldn=t have used it.

- 2 Q Did you do the drive study?
- 3 A One of my teams did, or a team of engineers did.
- 4 One of my guests did it and I analyzed it and looked it over
- 5 to make sure it was, it was proper.
- 6 Q Do you have to be licensed to do the drive study?
- 7 A No, you do not.
- 8 Q How about do you have to be certified?
- 9 A No. Not to collect data, no.
- 11 A You do have to be trained, and I make sure that=s
- 12 done.
- 2 So the person that did the drive study, were they
- 14 trained?
- 15 A They were trained?
- 16 O Do you know their name?
- 17 A Yeah. I do, actually. His name is Brandon.
- 18 Q Just Brandon?
- 19 A Brandon Zhang.
- 20 Q And he=s been working for you for how long?
- 21 A Over a year.
- 22 Q So for one year. And it takes what, a week to get
- 23 trained, or how long to get trained?
- 24 A It depends but it usually doesn=t take that, that
- long.

- 1 Q So do you have requirements in order to train
- 2 somebody to say hey, you=re competent enough to do a drive
- 3 by study that we can use that information to come up with a
- 4 map?
- 5 A Yes. Using prior experience in this field, that=s
- 6 usually the major requirement because the process is a
- 7 person is obviously inside of a vehicle, they have a laptop
- 8 and cell phones inside their car, and then there are certain
- 9 things on the software that we use to collect the data that
- 10 they need to watch for, listen for. There=s also an audible
- 11 type of software where there are certain messages it
- 12 actually speaks. So there are certain things you need to
- 13 listen for and look for in monitoring.
- 14 Q Okay. So Brandon Zhang did your study with one
- 15 year working for you, and he had prior experience with
- another cell phone company or RF engineer?
- 17 A I believe so, yes. Yes.
- 18 Q Yes or no?
- 19 A Yes.
- 21 company was?
- 22 A I do not.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I think we=re going a little bit
- 24 far afield here.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.

1 MR. GROSSMAN: I understand your point and I think

- 2 you=ve made your point quite well in your cross-examination
- 3 but I don=t think you have to go further on that. Unless
- 4 you=re going to have some evidence that you=re going to
- 5 bring to bear regarding Mr. Zhang=s qualifications, I don=t
- 6 think that=s pressing.
- 7 MR. HOCKSTRA: No, sir. I=m not.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 9 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 10 O Did you do any in-building coverage where you
- 11 actually walked in a house to check out a signal?
- 12 A We have not on this particular one but we have
- done a number of them. IMF building in downtown D.C.
- 14 Q No. I just mean relative to this cell tower. I=m
- 15 sorry.
- 16 A Oh, no. Not here.
- 17 Q Does Montgomery County allow you to talk with a
- 18 cell phone while driving?
- 19 A From your answer earlier, no.
- 20 Q You=re the expert witness.
- 21 A I=m going off what you -- I know. That=s correct.
- 22 And I answered your question and told you I did not know
- 23 that, and then you also told Mr. Grossman that you --
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: He doesn=t claim to be an expert in
- 25 rules of the road. He=s an expert in radio frequency so,

- 1 engineering.
- 2 MR. HOCKSTRA: I was trying to link, you know, of
- 3 the people going through the area, that they=re not
- 4 allowed --
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: I know what you=re trying to do but
- 6 I=m just saying that you=ve exhausted --
- 7 MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: -- on that point, what this witness
- 9 can testify to. He=s already --
- 10 THE WITNESS: Actually, can I bring some
- 11 clarification?
- 12 MR. GROSSMAN: No, no, no. No. You=ve answered
- 13 the question.
- 14 THE WITNESS: All right.
- 15 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 16 Q Do you know the statistical data on how many
- 17 accidents are caused by using cell phones or mobile devices?
- 18 A I do not know that statistic.
- 19 Q Does this map concur with the T-Mobile map that
- 20 you guys sell your phone coverage?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: By this map, you=re talking
- 23 about --
- 24 THE WITNESS: The PCC.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: -- Exhibit 9A?

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1 MR. HOCKSTRA: Exhibit 9A.
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- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 3 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 4 O Correct?
- 5 A Yes. It=s the PCC map that=s on our website.
- 6 Yes.
- 7 MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay. No further questions.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Any redirect?
- 9 MR. HUGHES: Yes, please.
- 10 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 12 Q So if this site is approved and built, would it
- provide enhanced coverage and capacity to any businesses
- 14 that are located in this area?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q If this was approved and built, would it provide
- 17 enhanced connectivity for, sorry, for coverage and capacity
- 18 for businesses that travel in this area?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Would it --
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: The question, I just want to --
- MR. HUGHES: Yes.
- 23 MR. GROSSMAN: -- stop you because the question is
- not whether it=s going to enhance, it=s whether there=s a
- 25 need for it. So I just want you --

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MR. HUGHES: Well, there=s two questions.
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- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: -- to understand.
- 3 MR. HUGHES: No, no. Well, I disagree.
- 4 Certainly, there is a question about whether it will enhance
- 5 it. The first -- we have to prove need. I understand that.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 7 MR. HUGHES: But I=m also trying to talk about
- 8 what would happen if it was built, what would it provide.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Then fine. I just wanted you to
- 10 understand that the more fundamental question in terms of
- 11 the Zoning Ordinance is whether there = s a need for it. I
- 12 don=t know that the Zoning Ordinance specifics enhancing
- 13 service. It talks about whether there=s a need. That=s my
- 14 recollection of this section.
- MR. HUGHES: No. I agree with you, Mr. Grossman.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. So you can ask
- 17 the question.
- MR. HUGHES: Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I just wanted you to be aware of
- 20 that. It will enhance the coverage. That=s what he=s
- 21 testified to.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- Q Would it enhance the coverage and capacity for
- 24 businesses that come to and service the homes in this area?
- 25 A Yes.

1 Q Okay. Again, is it fair to say that there=s a

- 2 need for enhanced service --
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, once again, you=re leading
- 4 him when you say is it fair to say.
- 5 MR. HUGHES: Okay.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: You can just say is there, not is
- 7 it fair to say that.
- 8 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 9 Q This map, the current on-air coverage map --
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Exhibit 9A?
- MR. HUGHES: Yes. Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: The current one is 9A, yes.
- 13 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 14 Q Does it show that there is a need for enhanced
- 15 coverage in this area?
- 16 A Yes.
- Q Okay. Does this type of tool, this map show
- 18 whether there is a need, or does it show if there is a need
- 19 for enhanced capacity?
- 20 A No, it does not.
- 21 Q Is it true that you testified that there=s also
- 22 need for capacity enhancement?
- 23 A Yes. I did testify to that.
- 24 Q Okay.
- 25 MR. HUGHES: Those are my questions. Thank you,

- 1 Mr. Grossman.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Any recross?
- 3 MR. HOCKSTRA: (No audible response.)
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Thank you, Mr. Jews.
- 5 Now, is Ms. Morrison your next witness?
- 6 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: And how long would you anticipate
- 8 her testimony to take?
- 9 MR. HUGHES: I think on direct, I can get through
- 10 with her in about, it will probably be about 15 minutes.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. The reason I ask is as
- 12 to whether or not I need to break for lunch or whether we
- 13 finish without calling for that. How long would you
- 14 anticipate your testimony to take, sir?
- 15 MR. HOCKSTRA: I would say just 10 or 15 minutes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Who all do you have left?
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: Just Ms. Morrison and then
- 19 yourself, but the question is the cafeteria will, the
- 20 cafeteria stays open but the grill there will close at 2 and
- 21 I want people to have an opportunity to get some lunch if
- 22 we=re going to run over, so that=s why I raised this
- 23 question. I=m perfectly fine in just going through.
- 24 Whatever is your pleasure. What do you prefer to do?
- MR. HUGHES: We=re happy to go through too, Mr.

- 1 Grossman. Up to you and the other gentleman.
- MR. GROSSMAN: What do you prefer?
- 3 MR. HOCKSTRA: Yes. Let=s keep going.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Well, let=s take a five
- 5 minute break and then we=ll come back and then we=ll just
- 6 finish.
- 7 MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 8 (Whereupon, at 1:19 p.m., a brief recess was
- 9 taken.)
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: We=re back on the record then.
- 11 Your next witness.
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you. I call Ms. Hillorie
- 13 Morrison.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Ms. Morrison, would you
- 15 raise your right hand, please?
- 16 (Witness sworn.)
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Is it okay to sit here?
- 19 MR. GROSSMAN: Sure. Is there someplace else
- 20 you=d prefer to sit?
- 21 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 23 Q Ms. Morrison, can you tell us the name of your
- 24 company that you work for?
- 25 A I work for Network Building and Consulting, and

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1 we=re a consulting firm. I work 100 percent for T-Mobile.
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- 2 Q Okay. I=m going to ask you if you can identify a
- document but I=m going to show it to Mr. Hockstra first.
- 4 MR. HUGHES: I don=t have extra copies. I
- 5 apologize.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 7 Q Do you recognize this document?
- 8 A Yes. That is my resume.
- 9 MR. HUGHES: Mr. Grossman, and I apologize. This
- 10 has markings on it.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. You know, you can actually
- 12 submit these to the record in advance to the hearing so the,
- in your other telecommunications cases and then you wouldn=t
- 14 have to worry about --
- 15 MR. HUGHES: And I think -- I apologize. I think
- 16 I know the answer but let me confirm with you. Is it okay
- if we give them a disc when we file at SC also with the
- documents that are in the application file?
- MR. GROSSMAN: Oh, yeah. Absolutely.
- MR. HUGHES: We could do it right at the
- 21 beginning?
- MR. GROSSMAN: Absolutely. But if there are any
- 23 changes, you have to --
- MR. HUGHES: Right. Update it.
- MR. GROSSMAN: -- update it.

- 1 MR. HUGHES: Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. Actually, that=s even better.
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q Ms. Morrison, can you tell us a little bit about
- 5 your professional and educational background?
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: By the way, Ms. Morrison=s resume
- 7 is Exhibit 27.
- 8 (Exhibit No. 27 was marked for
- 9 identification.)
- 10 MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yes. I have a background, I have a
- 12 master=s degree in planning from University of Wisconsin and
- 13 I have a law degree from University of Maryland. I=ve
- 14 practiced in the planning field for about 15 years and I=ve
- 15 been doing telecom, telecommunications work for about 10
- 16 years.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: I guess we won=t hold it against
- 18 you that you=re a lawyer, or maybe we=ll hold it, other
- 19 people may hold it against you. All right.
- 20 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 21 O Ms. Morrison --
- 22 MR. HUGHES: I=m sorry. Mr. Grossman, I=d like to
- offer Ms. Morrison in as an expert. I believe she=s been
- 24 recognized as one before.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: I don=t know that, I don=t think

- 1 you=ve ever testified before me.
- 2 MR. HUGHES: Ah. Let me --
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Is that correct?
- 4 MR. HUGHES: Maybe I should back up a little bit
- 5 then.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: What case have you testified, just
- 7 testified before me?
- 8 MR. HUGHES: Mount Airy, 564. The power line
- 9 case. Wasn=t that yours?
- 10 THE WITNESS: Mullinix Mill Road.
- 11 MR. HUGHES: What was the name of the landlord?
- 12 It=s the --
- 13 THE WITNESS: The Izaak Walton.
- MR. HUGHES: The Izaak Walton.
- MR. GROSSMAN: The Izaak Walton? Did you testify
- 16 in Izaak Walton? I don=t --
- 17 THE WITNESS: Oh, yeah.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: I don=t recall. Possible.
- MR. HUGHES: But maybe I --
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: It=s possible I just don=t recall.
- 21 MR. HUGHES: I should back up maybe and ask her a
- 22 bit more about her --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Yes.
- 24 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 25 Q Ms. Morrison, have you ever testified before at a

- 1 zoning case like this?
- 2 A Yes. Frequently.
- 3 Q Have you ever been recognized as an expert?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Do you know which jurisdictions you=ve been
- 6 recognized as an expert in?
- 7 A Montgomery County. Carroll County. Howard County
- 8 just as a, they don=t do expert witnesses. I=ve testified
- 9 before Howard County. I=ve --
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: As an expert in land use planning?
- 11 THE WITNESS: I don=t know if they, I don=t know
- if they do expert witnesses but --
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 14 Q So they don=t in Howard County.
- 15 A -- I certainly testified before them. Yes. Land
- 16 use planning.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: No. I mean, in Montgomery
- 18 County --
- 19 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: -- you=ve testified as an expert in
- land use planning in cell tower cases?
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- THE WITNESS: Or generally as a land use planner.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.

1 THE WITNESS: Let=s see. Where else? Baltimore

- 2 County. Carroll, Frederick.
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q Have you done it in Harford?
- 5 A I haven=t done any in Harford.
- 6 Q Okay.
- 7 A And then of course not in Virginia.
- 8 Q Okay.
- 9 MR. HUGHES: Mr. Grossman, I=d like to offer her
- 10 as an expert in land use planning.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Any questions regarding
- 12 her expertise?
- MR. HOCKSTRA: No, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Based on Ms. Morrison=s
- 15 prior testimony as an expert in land use planning, I accept
- 16 her as an expert in such.
- 17 MR. HUGHES: Thank you, sir.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 19 Q You=ve worked on this map for T-Mobile, is that
- 20 correct?
- 21 A That is correct.
- 22 Q I=m going to ask you if you can recognize some
- 23 documents.
- 24 MR. HUGHES: I think I already gave a copy of the
- 25 photo sims to Mr. Hockstra. Yes, okay. These are, these

1 should be item 10. Would you like a copy, Mr. Grossman, so

- 2 you don=t have to dig through that one?
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Oh, thank you.
- 4 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 5 Q Do you recognize this document?
- 6 A Yes. This is a document of what we call the photo
- 7 simulations.
- 9 A For the Sunshine property. And what we do is we
- 10 fly a balloon to the height of the pole which in this case
- 11 would be 120 feet. It=s a three-foot wide red weather
- 12 balloon. We drive around the surrounding area on the public
- 13 roads and note anywhere where we can see the balloon and
- 14 also note places where we can=t see the balloon to give you
- 15 a representation of the visibility. Then what we do once we
- 16 have pictures of the balloon is we simulate what the pole
- 17 would look like based on the design that we=re choosing
- 18 which in this case, is this T-cell monopole.
- 19 Q Okay. And are you able to step up there and point
- 20 to the --
- 21 A Sure.
- 22 Q -- to the item in the middle and explain what that
- is, and then briefly walk us through what these items show?
- 24 A This is the location map so --
- 25 Q Can you step back just a little bit so Mr.

- 1 Hockstra can see?
- THE WITNESS: Can you see?
- 3 MR. HOCKSTRA: I=m good. I got one right here.
- 4 THE WITNESS: The star in the middle is the
- 5 Sunshine property, the Sunshine Farms property. That=s
- 6 where we floated the balloon, and then there is one, two,
- 7 three, four, there=s five, there=s six shots, there=s six
- 8 different photographs that we shot it from.
- 9 So starting with the view from the north, which
- 10 was taken just beyond Patuxent River to the north -- we have
- 11 a view that=s a mile away because the Tower Committee
- 12 requires a view from a mile away, so recording that view.
- 13 Triadelphia road to the east, to the northeast of the site
- 14 or really closer from the north. You can see the monopole
- 15 and you can also see the lines of the transmission tower in
- 16 that picture. It=s taken from 2812 Triadelphia Lake Road.
- 17 The shot from further south looking towards the
- 18 site, so that would be northwest, again, you can see the
- 19 pole in the distance. This is about a half a mile away, a
- 20 little more than half a mile away. You do see the pole. It
- 21 should be noted that these photographs were taken before the
- leaves were on the trees so.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- Q So on this map, can you again, and I apologize if
- 25 you said it, can you tell what this map shows besides a dot

showing where the photo was taken? Is there other

- 2 information on this map?
- 3 A It shows the six locations where we took the
- 4 photos from. It also shows the distance.
- Okay. And I=m going to ask you about this photo
- 6 up top, which is 45597, are there some other structures you
- 7 can see and lines you can see in that?
- 8 A You can certainly see telephone poles, utility
- 9 poles and then all the lines.
- 10 O It=s true that you noted in some of the
- 11 photographs you can see the power --
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 O -- power poles and the lines, is that correct?
- 14 A Yes. It=s -- those aren=t lattice towers. I=m
- 15 not sure what they call those. H poles maybe. There=s kind
- of two monopoles and then there=s some cross spaces.
- 18 lines?
- 19 A I believe those are 130 feet. I don=t know. The
- 20 closest poles to our monopole are 130 feet. I don=t know
- 21 the height of every pole.
- 22 Q They can vary a few feet in height?
- 23 A Yeah. It depends on who is carrying it.
- Q Okay. And did you talk to, or did T-Mobile talk
- 25 to Pepco about locating on the Pepco poles there?

1 A Yes. That was our first contact was to Pepco.

- 2 That seemed like the obvious place to put the antennas.
- 3 Unfortunately, Pepco=s policy had changed. We could no
- 4 longer put antennas above their utility installations. We
- 5 had to put our things below. They actually greatly
- 6 preferred that we didn=t use them at all because of the
- 7 voltage that they were carrying. In the end, the height
- 8 that they gave us couldn=t have worked and they also
- 9 discouraged us just because they didn=t like us interfering
- 10 and concerned about the safety of workers.
- 11 O What was the height they would offer you?
- 12 A I think it was 70 feet.
- 13 Q And what=s the magic number? What is it they want
- 14 you below or above?
- 15 A They want you 20 feet below their installations.
- 16 They need to protect their workers. They don=t want their
- workers climbing up the pole going past, getting anywhere
- 18 near antennas.
- 19 Q Now, Pepco has a lot of towers throughout the
- 20 County and they have a lot of, is it true they have a lot of
- 21 cell antennas on these?
- 22 A They do.
- 23 Q So when did this policy change? Do you know about
- 24 when it was?
- 25 A I know it changed as of March 2009 and it had to

do with the 5,000 kilowatt, the poles that were carrying the

- 2 highest voltage.
- 3 Q Okay. So it didn=t change on some of the other
- 4 lower voltage ones?
- 5 A No. If you do the -- T-Mobile was looking at a
- 6 number of poles throughout Pepco=s service area. We gave
- 7 them a list of all the poles we were looking at, we were
- 8 looking at. They gave us a list back that said no, no, no,
- 9 no to certain poles, and this was one that they said no.
- 10 Q Have you had other cases similar to this one in
- 11 Montgomery County where they were approved but -- let me
- 12 back up. Did the Tower Committee review the Pepco
- 13 situation?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q And did they concur that the height that Pepco was
- offering was sufficient or not sufficient?
- 17 A They said it wasn=t sufficient and they understood
- 18 Pepco=s decision.
- 19 Q But if Pepco would let you go above like they used
- 20 to, that would have worked for T-Mobile, is that correct?
- 21 A Absolutely. We would have had our antennas on
- there in April of 2009.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Did anybody talk to Pepco to find
- 24 out whether they could change that policy back?
- 25 MR. HUGHES: Can I put that as a question to her?

1 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. That=s my question to Ms.

- 2 Morrison.
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q Is it your understanding that Montgomery County
- 5 and/or the Tower Committee had in depth conversations with
- 6 Pepco and they would not budge on this policy, if you know?
- 7 A There were several inquiries. It was an absolute
- 8 no. As an aside, it=s a debate between utility companies
- 9 and telecommunications carriers and what the FCC says about
- 10 leasing and what their policy is, and each utility company
- 11 has their own policy and they=re allowed to set it. It=s
- 12 part of a larger issue.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: I just wondered whether, I mean,
- 14 utility companies are regulated also. If they don=t have
- 15 evidence that it interferes with their operation, it seems
- 16 to me to be a no-brainer to put it on top of their towers,
- 17 but.
- 18 MR. HUGHES: They used to do it and that=s what=s
- 19 even more frustrating, they reversed course. And it=s a
- 20 part of revenue generating.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Their main goal is to, is to provide
- 22 uninterrupted service to their customers, so they don=t want
- anything that=s going to have outages, temporary outages so
- 24 it=s a larger debate. I know that for this pole, they
- 25 absolutely said no and there=s no going back and getting

- 1 them to say yes.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: I understand.
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q Ms. Morrison, were there any other sites that T-
- 5 Mobile considered in this area?
- 6 A There are a couple that we considered. Not for
- 7 co-location, we couldn=t find any other structures tall
- 8 enough, but we did look at a couple other properties. We
- 9 had one in front of the Tower Committee, the Brown property,
- 10 there was also quite close to the power line. We planned to
- 11 go forward with a special exception request but the property
- 12 owner decided they didn=t want to move forward.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: Is it true that that one would have
- 14 required waivers of setback requirements?
- 15 THE WITNESS: I believe so.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I think I saw that in the plan,
- 17 yes. This particular application does not require any
- 18 setback waivers, is that correct?
- 19 THE WITNESS: We=ve more than made all the
- 20 setbacks. I=m considered an expert in the Zoning Ordinance
- 21 of Montgomery County. The way the consulting relationship
- 22 works between NB&C and T-Mobile is I=m hired to know
- 23 specifically all the zoning regulations and be able to site
- 24 this in accordance to zoning.
- 25 BY MR. HUGHES:

1 Q And on that Brown property, is it true the Tower

- 2 Committee, what was the Tower Committee=s position on that
- 3 application?
- 4 A The original --
- 5 Q If you know.
- 6 A I=m testifying to my recollection, and it=s in
- 7 your records, at the time, they went through a phase that
- 8 they were petitioning their approvals on obtaining setbacks.
- 9 I believe they saw a need for the tower and accepted that
- 10 we wouldn=t go on the Pepco tower.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, the best evidence of that is
- 12 actually in the record --
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- MR. GROSSMAN: -- attached to the Tower
- 15 coordinator=s report so --
- MR. HUGHES: All right. Thank you.
- 17 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 18 Q And so what was the Tower Committee=s position
- 19 regarding this particular proposal?
- 20 A The Tower Committee found that there was a need,
- 21 that the, well, that there were no other possible structures
- 22 to co-locate on once, they were satisfied that we couldn=t
- 23 co-locate on Pepco, and that there was a need and that the
- 24 height was appropriate and that we could accommodate co-
- 25 location.

- 1 Q Thank you. Ms. Morrison, do you believe this
- 2 application is consistent with the general plan for this
- 3 area?
- 4 A I do. The parcel is located -- I=m going to talk
- 5 into the microphone.
- 6 Q Do you want to sit down? Yes.
- 7 A Yeah.
- 8 O Absolutely. Please.
- 9 A The parcel is located in an RC Zone. The Zoning
- 10 Ordinance permits telecommunications facilities towers in an
- 11 RC Zone so we=re, therefore, consistent with the master plan
- 12 in that way. We reviewed the only master plan which is, has
- 13 nothing that was inconsistent. There=s nothing about this
- 14 application that=s inconsistent with that plan.
- 15 Q Do you believe it will be in harmony with the
- 16 general character of the neighborhood?
- 17 A I do. As mentioned on the Staff Report, I think
- it=s on page 6, we=re able to site the telecommunications
- 19 tower here so that it=s right next to a stand of very mature
- 20 leyland cypress. They=re planted very densely. They are a
- 21 good 40 feet tall, maybe taller. Also, we=ve got the tower
- 22 not in the corner of the property but visually close to the
- line of very prominent transmission towers.
- 24 So if you go through the rest of the photo sims, I
- 25 think you could see that even with no leaves on the trees,

1 the proposed facility blends in well with the visual aspect,

- 2 with what you can see in the area. It doesn=t -- it=s not
- 3 invisible but it doesn=t stick out that much more than the
- 4 existing poles do for the utility line. And in many places,
- 5 there=s no view at all.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 7 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 8 Q In your opinion, would this be detrimental to the
- 9 peaceful enjoyment, economic value of development of
- 10 surrounding properties of this neighborhood?
- 11 A In my opinion, no, because of its limited visual
- 12 impact. Also because it won=t generate parking or traffic.
- 13 O Will it cause any objectionable noise, vibrations,
- 14 fumes, odors, dust, illumination, glare?
- 15 A No. The tower will not be lit. We have a report
- 16 from a company called the Jeppesen Company that takes the
- 17 location and reviews it for FAA criteria. That company
- 18 found that the pole will not be required to be lit.
- 19 Q Do you recognize this document?
- 20 A Yes. That is the Jeppesen report.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. We=ll make that Exhibit
- 22 28, the Jeppesen Report re: FAA regulations.
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 24 (Exhibit No. 28 was marked for
- identification.)

- 1 THE WITNESS: T-Mobile doesn=t use generators.
- 2 They use backup batteries so there=s not an issue of
- 3 vibration. Even if there was vibration from generator, we
- 4 have such substantial setbacks here that any noise would not
- 5 go beyond the property line.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 7 Q In your opinion, would this adversely effect the
- 8 health, safety, security, morals or general welfare of the
- 9 residents, visiting workers in this area?
- 10 A Uhn-uh. No. As Mr. Jews just testified, we=d be
- 11 meeting all emissions standards. In terms of health and
- 12 safety, I think it enhances health and safety. It improves
- 13 wireless communication. As you have more antenna sites,
- 14 it=s easier for a 911 responder to find the person who is
- 15 making the call.
- 16 O Have you read the Staff Report in this case?
- 17 A I have.
- 18 Q Do you recall if the Staff Report noted if there
- 19 are any special exceptions on this property or in proximity?
- 20 A There are no special exceptions on this property.
- 21 I don=t recall that they found any in proximity. I=m not
- 22 aware of any in proximity.
- 23 Q If there was one noted in the Staff Report as a
- 24 landscaping company across the street --
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: Why don=t you let her look at the

- 1 Staff Report.
- 2 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 3 Q All right. I=ll show you.
- 4 A What page?
- 5 MR. HUGHES: I apologize, Mr. Grossman.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 7 Q In the Staff Report, can you take a look at page
- 8 11, no. 7 and review that, please?
- 9 A Yes. I=m aware of that --
- 10 Q Would you concur with Staff=s position there?
- 11 A Yes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And the Staff=s position is?
- 13 MR. HUGHES: I apologize. It says, their second
- 14 sentence, there is a lawn care firm across Georgia Avenue
- 15 that holds a special exception, S-1713. The use can be
- 16 considered generally agricultural in nature. The passive
- 17 nature of the proposed telecom facility, like the electric
- 18 transmission lines of adjoining properties to the south,
- 19 will not change the area=s existing character even when
- 20 considered in the context of the existing special exception
- 21 use across the street.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I agree. And again, as they
- 23 mention in the Staff Report, since I brought out, there=s
- 24 very, there=s very little visibility from the other side of
- 25 Georgia Avenue.

- 1 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 2 Q In your opinion, will this be, will the facility
- 3 be served by adequate public services and facilities?
- 4 A Yes. There will be no impact on sewer or water,
- 5 education.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Transportation?
- 7 THE WITNESS: Transportation, as I mentioned,
- 8 yeah.
- 9 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 10 Q I=m going to ask you to identify a document. Do
- 11 you recognize this document?
- 12 A Yes.
- Q And can you tell us what it is, please?
- 14 A It=s an affidavit from William O=Brien, who is the
- 15 real estate manager at T-Mobile, testifying that T-Mobile,
- 16 when they install the tower, will register any batteries in
- 17 the County=s high-use facility registration program.
- 18 Q Is it true that --
- 19 A That=s just materials.
- 21 batteries, you do need to register those per Montgomery
- 22 County law?
- 23 A We have to by Montgomery County law, and T-Mobile
- 24 will comply with the law.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: That will be Exhibit 29, the

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1 affidavit of Mr. O=Brien.
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- 2 MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 3 (Exhibit No. 29 was marked for
- 4 identification.)
- 5 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 6 Q And I=m going to ask you if you can identify
- 7 another set of (indiscernible) together.
- 8 A The first page of this document headed with the T-
- 9 Mobile logo is a fact sheet about the, the Ericsson radio
- 10 base station cabinet that T-Mobile uses and gives the
- 11 chemical safety information. And then there=s several pages
- 12 with the Northstar logo. This gives very specific
- 13 information about the lead acid batter that Northstar uses.
- 14 T-Mobile=s affidavit states that it will use either the
- 15 specific products mentioned in this handout or with
- 16 equivalent or better specifications.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: That will be Exhibit 30 as a
- 18 description of the Northstar batteries.
- 19 (Exhibit No. 30 was marked for
- 20 identification.)
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: Just out of curiosity, I know that
- 22 you have these proof sheets on the batteries and so on for
- 23 all these cases. Why is it that they=re not submitted in
- 24 advance in the record rather than added on at the hearing?
- 25 MR. HUGHES: That=s a good question. No

- 1 particular reason, sir.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: So in the future in other cases,
- 3 I=d ask that you do that because technically, one could
- 4 consider that an amendment to the petition the way these
- 5 rules, the Board of Appeals= rules have been interpreted
- 6 even though you haven=t changed the site description form,
- 7 they=re additional substantive documents and which
- 8 automatically requires the record to be -- in this case, it
- 9 won=t matter because the record has to be held open anyway
- 10 but I=d recommend that they be submitted in advance of the
- 11 hearing. Anybody who wants to look at them then, wants to
- 12 testify has an opportunity to see them in advance of the
- 13 hearing. I think it=s a fairer way to do it for people, for
- 14 the community.
- MR. HUGHES: We=ll do so. Thank you, Mr.
- 16 Grossman.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And by in advance, I mean at least
- 18 10 days in advance. Hopefully, with your application so you
- 19 don=t have to send out a notice of an amendment.
- MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir. Thank you.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 22 Q Ms. Morrison, regarding the Staff Report, there
- 23 was some discussion in it about altering the landscape, type
- of trees. Would T-Mobile have any objection to doing so?
- 25 A No objection at all. We=re happy to use the

- 1 native species.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And also the height was the other
- 3 thing.
- 4 THE WITNESS: And the height, yes.
- 5 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 6 Q Would be at least as tall as the, to cover the
- 7 fence in the interior.
- 8 A Yeah. We plant them usually five to six feet
- 9 tall.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, it=s a six-foot fence. I=m
- 11 not sure if, I don=t think any of your equipment, other than
- 12 the tower, exceeds six feet, does it?
- 13 THE WITNESS: No.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 15 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 16 O You=ve been out to the site also, is that correct?
- 17 A Yes. Several times.
- 18 Q Is the ground compound visible offsite in any
- 19 direction?
- 20 A The ground compound itself, it=s kind of tucked
- 21 into a corner. I don=t see how it could possibly be visible
- 22 from another site. We don=t -- another parcel. I mean, I
- 23 haven=t traversed private property.
- Q Okay. If you don=t know, you don=t know.
- 25 A Right.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: I wonder if Exhibit 23E, which
- 2 would also be 4E on the actual full-size plans, the
- 3 landscape plan, and does this specify -- yes. It specifies
- 4 the -- so you=d actually have to change this plan and submit
- 5 a modified version which would specify the native species
- 6 and the height at planting. And if you can, if you would do
- 7 that within a few days, that would give Staff and anybody
- 8 else the 10 days required to comment on it and we can still
- 9 close by October 3, okay?
- 10 MR. HUGHES: We will try to do so. Yes, sir.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 12 MR. HUGHES: I think we can do that.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So copy, you should
- 14 send a copy of it to OZAH and a copy to Staff and a copy to
- 15 Mr. Hockstra at the same time?
- MR. HUGHES: Can I get your address now or later,
- 17 sir, Mr. Hockstra?
- 18 MR. HOCKSTRA: Yeah. It=s 2612 Triadelphia.
- 19 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. 2612 Triadelphia Lake Road.
- 20 I=m trying to read my handwriting more than two minute after
- 21 I wrote something down. It=s in Brookeville, Maryland
- 22 20833. So what should we set as a date by which you would -
- today is the 16th of September.
- MR. HUGHES: Well, then we=ve got to overnight it
- 25 up here. Let=s see. Let=s start with Monday, Tuesday --

- 1 hopefully by Wednesday. Does that meet our time frame?
- 2 Wednesday we should be able to. Definitely by Thursday but
- 3 hopefully, Wednesday.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Let=s get a calendar here. Okay.
- 5 So the 16th. Wednesday would be the 21st of September and -
- 6 yes. That would be, that would be fine I think so
- 7 everybody, anybody who had comments, et cetera would make
- 8 them by October 3.
- 9 MR. HUGHES: I think we can do that. If for some
- 10 reason we=re later than that, would that cause major issues,
- 11 Mr. Grossman?
- MR. GROSSMAN: It doesn=t cause any issues for me.
- 13 I just didn=t, I wanted to keep the record as short a
- 14 period of time as possible so I can -- as long as anybody
- 15 has the opportunity, has 10 days in which to comment from
- 16 the time you file an amended plan, it=s fine with me. So
- 17 you can take additional time if you need it. You just tell
- 18 me what that time is. Just pick a day and then we=ll count
- 19 10 days from that to --
- 20 MR. HUGHES: Could we add another week just to be
- 21 safe?
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: Sure. All right. So what date do
- 23 you want to pick for the date, the one in which you submit
- the revised landscape plan?
- MR. HUGHES: Thursday the 29th.

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1 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So 9/29/11, revised
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- 2 landscape plan to be submitted. And then anybody who has
- 3 comments would have to comment by October 10 which is a
- 4 Monday, including Technical Staff. And do you want me to
- 5 close the record on that date, on the 10th or do you want a
- 6 couple days to respond if there=s any additional comment?
- 7 MR. HUGHES: A few days, please.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So we=11 then close the
- 9 record on 10/13/11 and you can respond to any comments that
- 10 are filed within that three day period, right? So it=s --
- 11 MR. HUGHES: After 10/13 or before?
- MR. GROSSMAN: No, no. Between 10/10 and 10/13.
- MR. HUGHES: Yes. Yes, sir.
- 14 MR. GROSSMAN: Because any comments by Staff or
- the public regarding the changed plan will be made by 10/10.
- 16 It=s only comments regarding that. I=m not leaving the
- 17 record open for in general comments because that=s what this
- 18 hearing is for, but it=s regarding the changes in the plan
- 19 and that=s a requirement of the rule and the case law, that
- it be left open for 10 days after any change in the plan.
- 21 All right. So applicant response, if any, then the record
- 22 close is October 13th. Okay.
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 24 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 25 Q Ms. Morrison, in your opinion, is the support

- 1 structure sited to minimize its visual impact?
- 2 A Yes. I think it, it is because of the line of
- 3 leyland cypress trees, because of its position on the
- 4 property, because of the generous setbacks and because it=s
- 5 close to the transmission line, existing transmission line.
- 6 Q I=m going to show you a picture.
- 7 MR. HUGHES: Let me show Mr. Hockstra first.
- 8 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 9 Q Do you recognize these photographs?
- 10 A Yes. This is --
- 11 Q I=m sorry. Maybe you can stand up. I don=t have
- 12 enough copies.
- 13 A Say one at a time.
- 14 Q So Mr. Grossman can see those.
- 15 A Okay.
- 16 O Can you tell us what you see in this picture?
- 17 A This is a line of transmission towers.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. This is not in the
- 19 record yet?
- MR. HUGHES: No, sir.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So we=11 make this Exhibit
- 22 31 as photo of -- is this the Pepco --
- THE WITNESS: The Pepco line.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Photo of Pepco transmission lines.
- 25 THE WITNESS: We=re just on the other side. Our

1 property is on the other side. The Sunshine property is on

- 2 the other side.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. The other side to the right
- 4 of the photo or to the left of the photo? Which way --
- 5 THE WITNESS: Oh, sorry.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Which direction is that taken at?
- 7 THE WITNESS: If we put the site plan up --
- 8 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 9 Q Sorry. Here=s Georgia Avenue.
- 10 A It=s in this direction.
- 11 Q Which way do the power lines run, or the right-of-
- 12 way run? There=s Georgia. I=m showing it goes north and
- 13 south.
- 14 A Georgia goes north-south. The power lines run
- east-west.
- 16 O Okay.
- 17 A So --
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: So which direction? Are you facing
- 19 east or are you facing west when you took -- did you take
- this photo, Ms. Morrison?
- 21 THE WITNESS: I did not take this photo.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Who took the photo?
- MR. HUGHES: I did.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Well, we ordinarily
- 25 don=t have attorneys testify in a case but in special

1 exceptions, you=re bound, the applicant is bound by what the

- 2 attorney says by statute so you can tell me which direction
- 3 were you facing when you took this photo.
- 4 MR. HUGHES: East.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And you were standing
- 6 where?
- 7 MR. HUGHES: Just on the west side of Route 97.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So you were on the west
- 9 side --
- 10 MR. HUGHES: West side.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Route 97, looking towards the
- 12 towers.
- MR. HUGHES: Looking down this way.
- 14 THE WITNESS: The towers.
- 15 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Facing east. Okay.
- 16 MR. HUGHES: Show that to Mr. Grossman.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: Thank you. This will be Exhibit
- 19 31.
- 20 (Exhibit No. 31 was marked for
- identification.)
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- Q Are you able to identify this photograph?
- MR. GROSSMAN: When was this taken by the way?
- 25 MR. HUGHES: Approximately two weeks ago.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 2 THE WITNESS: I have not personally seen this
- 3 particular tower. This is, I believe, a Pepco transmission
- 4 line that illustrates the kind of installation that T-Mobile
- 5 would have done had Pepco allowed us to co-locate.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Who took that photo?
- 7 MR. HUGHES: I did.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: All right, Mr. Hughes. And where
- 9 is this taken from?
- 10 MR. HUGHES: This is taken from the same location
- 11 looking west.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I see. So there is a --
- MR. HUGHES: Right there.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Let me -- thank you. So
- 15 that will be Exhibit 32.
- 16 (Exhibit No. 32 was marked for
- identification.)
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: I see. So this Pepco transmission
- 19 tower has cell --
- MR. HUGHES: Has two.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: Has two on it. Okay. So photo of
- 22 Pepco transmission lines with cell antenna. Okay.
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 24 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 25 Q Is there a co-applicant along with T-Mobile to the

- 1 special exception?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And who is the co-applicant?
- 4 A Sunshine Farms.
- 5 Q And who is Sunshine Farms?
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Sunshine Farms, LLC.
- 7 THE WITNESS: LLC. Mr. Tade, Andrew Tade
- 8 (phonetic sp.).
- 9 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 10 Q Are they the property owner?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Are you aware that the Code requires that a
- 13 structure must be removed if it=s not used for 12 months?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q And would T-Mobile agree to do so if approved and
- 16 built?
- 17 A Yes. As part of zoning and as part of the lease.
- 18 Q Are you aware that the support structure must be
- 19 identified by a sign no larger than two square feet --
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 O -- next to it?
- 22 A Uh-hum.
- 23 Q If approved, will T-Mobile comply with this?
- 24 A Yes. There would be no other signage.
- 25 Q Would T-Mobile agree to maintain this facility in

- 1 a safe fashion?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Will there be any outdoor storage of equipment
- 4 that=s not pertinent and utilized for this facility?
- 5 A No. The only --
- 6 Q Inside the compound?
- 7 A Right. The only equipment inside the compound is
- 8 installed. Right.
- 9 O The Tower Committee recommendation that=s in the
- 10 record, I believe it=s Exhibit --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Exhibit 7.
- 12 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 13 Q -- 7, is it true that that was within 90 days of
- 14 the filing of the special exception?
- 15 A Yes, it was.
- 16 MR. HUGHES: Can I have one second, Mr. Grossman?
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: Sure.
- 18 MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- MR. HUGHES: Those would be my questions for Ms.
- 20 Morrison. Thank you, sir.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: Since Ms. Morrison is your last
- 22 witness, I noticed that you didn=t ask anything about the
- 23 alleged violation on the property and what=s going on with
- 24 that. I=d like there to be something telling me what the
- 25 status of that is.

- 1 MR. HUGHES: Okay.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: I=m not going to litigate it here.
- 3 MR. HUGHES: All right. I apologize. I thought
- 4 initially I should have addressed it but I think you asked
- 5 if we had any documentation. Fortunately, I don=t have any
- 6 documentation but I am aware, as Staff noted, that there was
- 7 a citation or allegation filed and I haven=t done that type
- 8 of work in Montgomery County.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 10 MR. HUGHES: As you said, there=s a process. I
- 11 don=t know where it is. We certainly understood the Staff
- 12 Report, of note in it and the recommendation. As you said,
- 13 I think that=s required anyway but we certainly would --
- MR. GROSSMAN: You don=t have any --
- MR. HUGHES: No, sir.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: You don=t have any problem with
- 17 their recommendation.
- MR. HUGHES: No, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- MR. HUGHES: I would like to ask, with indulgence
- 21 from you, I do have now, if you=d like to consider it, Mr.
- Thorne=s resume.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Oh, sure.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Is this my copy or do you want me
- 25 to --

1 MR. HUGHES: I apologize. My SNAFU in not having

- 2 enough for some of the residents who made it here and I
- 3 apologize.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: We could make a copy of it if you
- 5 want it.
- 6 MR. HOCKSTRA: Sure. If I could get a copy, that
- 7 would be great.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. Just remind me before we
- 9 leave. Okay.
- 10 MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: So that will be Exhibit 33, and
- 12 that=s Thorne resume.
- 13 (Exhibit No. 33 was marked for
- identification.)
- 15 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Cross-examination?
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Yes.
- 17 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 18 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 19 Q How many other sites in the area were considered?
- 20 A How many other sites in this area? There were
- 21 probably three other sites.
- 22 Q Three other sites.
- 23 A Um-hum.
- 24 Q And any correspondence with, moving forward on any
- of those sites?

1 A Well, the Brown property went as far as going to

- 2 the Tower Committee but then the Browns did not want to
- 3 proceed with the telecom application. We explored some
- 4 other parcels for raw land and those property owners could
- 5 have worked in terms of our coverage objectives but the
- 6 property owners weren=t interested in moving forward.
- 7 Q With Pepco, did you explore with them whether
- 8 their property right there by the tower, since you couldn=t
- 9 mount it on the tower, you could use property that they
- 10 already owned existing closer to their tower?
- 11 A That=s a good question. I don=t have evidence for
- this particular tower in the record but my knowledge, based
- on other cases, when the poles carry that high voltage
- 14 lines, it=s the lines that become a problem. That=s the
- 15 best answer I can give.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, when you say become a
- 17 problem, I think the question was whether you explored with
- 18 Pepco siting it closer to their lines and you said you
- 19 couldn=t --
- 20 THE WITNESS: Oh, starting it closer to the lines.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: I think that was your point, right?
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Right.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 24 MR. HOCKSTRA: Well, my point was they have
- 25 easement there.

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1 MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
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- BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 3 Q Do they have an area of easement where you could
- 4 erect a pole not necessarily on top of their tower but next
- 5 to it?
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Right. And I --
- 7 THE WITNESS: Within the right-of-way line.
- 8 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 9 O Correct.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. Within or close to, closer to
- 11 the right-of-way.
- 12 THE WITNESS: That=s my answer. I=m not sure we
- 13 explored a new, some kind of Fort Worth or new monopole
- 14 within the line of transmission, but the fact that that
- 15 particular line carries the high voltage --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Means what?
- 17 THE WITNESS: Means that most likely, we couldn=t
- 18 have but I don=t have a definite answer.
- 19 MR. GROSSMAN: I mean, as they said, Pepco, in
- 20 other cases -- are you saying in other cases, you did
- 21 explore that possibility with Pepco and they said no because
- 22 those lines are high voltage lines? I just want to
- 23 understand what you said. You said that there were other
- 24 cases, based on your knowledge in other situations, and I=m
- 25 trying to find out what you are saying.

1 THE WITNESS: There=s different kinds of

- 2 transmission lines.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 4 THE WITNESS: In the case where there = s high
- 5 voltage, they=re treated differently.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. When you said that your
- 7 knowledge in other cases with Pepco, were you saying that
- 8 you had consulted Pepco about placing facilities not on
- 9 their poles but nearer or closer to them than this one is
- 10 sited and they said no because they had high voltage lines?
- Is that what you=re saying? I don=t know. I=m trying to
- 12 find out what you=re saying.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I know. I know. I don=t
- 14 think I have enough information with me today to answer that
- 15 question.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I=ll just say I don=t know.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 19 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 21 that Pepco won=t let you install the cellular piece on their
- 22 tower?
- 23 A It=s contained in the special exception petition
- 24 in the material on the tower facility, coordinating group.
- 25 It cites the specific correspondence.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Just so -- I don=t think this
- 2 gentleman has seen that probably so let=s allow him to.
- 3 THE WITNESS: You probably have to go back to the
- 4 brown monopole which is also included.
- 5 MR. HUGHES: That would be probably the third page
- from, before Exhibit 8. Tower Committee recommendation
- 7 dated 29 June 2009, middle or first, middle paragraph where
- 8 it says co-location options.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Are you showing it to Mr. Hockstra?
- 10 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay, good.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: I see it in writing.
- BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 14 Q Do you have a contact person at Pepco that made
- 15 that decision?
- 16 A Well, I do. I don=t have it with me today. I
- 17 forgot it.
- 18 Q Okay. Is it possible to do the cell tower on the
- 19 south side of Pepco=s utility lines? There=s a pad of
- 20 property there.
- 21 A On a different property?
- 22 Q Yes.
- 23 A I don=t know.
- Q Did you guys explore that property?
- 25 A I don=t know.

1 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, question. Why don=t you

- 2 know?
- THE WITNESS: Well, we explored other properties,
- 4 explored several other properties. We found this property.
- 5 We thought it did a good job of being minimally visual
- 6 obtrusive, meeting the setbacks, not having to do a long
- 7 driveway to avoid site disturbance. And since it met all
- 8 those criteria, we didn=t, we didn=t explore every possible
- 9 place to put the tower.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: No. But I guess the question is
- 11 did you explore south of the Pepco lines and your answer was
- 12 you don=t know, not that you didn=t explore that particular
- 13 site but you don=t know. My question is why don=t you know.
- 14 I mean, shouldn=t --
- 15 THE WITNESS: If I knew the name of that property
- 16 owner, then I would know. I don=t know the name of that
- 17 property owner.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: Mr. Hughes, do we know the name of
- 19 that property owner?
- 20 MR. HUGHES: I=m not sure which property. If
- 21 he=s talking about --
- MR. GROSSMAN: South of the --
- MR. HUGHES: I don=t know if he=s talking about a
- 24 specific property or multiple owners.
- 25 MR. HOCKSTRA: No. Right on the right side of the

- 1 Pepco lines.
- THE WITNESS: Whose property are you talking
- 3 about?
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: I guess it=s listed there. Isn=t
- 5 it listed on the --
- 6 MR. HOCKSTRA: No. The site plan doesn=t go that
- 7 far.
- 8 MR. HUGHES: It just says Pepco=s.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Oh, I see. It says Pepco=s. I
- 10 mean, the Zoning Ordinance says, and I=m reading from 59-
- 11 G2.58(a)4, the support structure must be sited to minimize
- 12 its visual impact. And I guess there=s a question, which is
- 13 raised by these questions, as to whether or not that means
- 14 minimize it on the site that you=ve chosen or minimize it
- over some broader area. You tell me what your
- interpretation is of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 17 THE WITNESS: My interpretation is that to
- 18 minimize the view from surrounding residences and from
- 19 surrounding roads, we thought that this particular location
- 20 satisfied those requirements.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: But I think doesn=t the concept of
- 22 minimizing mean that you have to minimize it with regard to
- 23 what other possibilities exist? And the question is, once
- 24 again, does that section of the Zoning Ordinance, in your
- 25 expert opinion, mean minimize it on the site that you=ve

1 chosen or does it mean minimize it over that whole entire

- 2 area that might satisfy the needs requirement?
- 3 MR. HUGHES: Can I just show her the section, Mr.
- 4 Grossman?
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Sure.
- 6 MR. HUGHES: Right there=s the section in case you
- 7 wanted to see it.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: To me, that=s the --
- 9 THE WITNESS: Right. I think it=s both.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: -- sense of Mr. Hockstra=s
- 11 question --
- 12 THE WITNESS: Right.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: -- to raise that question.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I think first, you find a parcel
- 15 that gives you the possibility of siting it so that it
- 16 minimizes visibility. So, for example, if there=s a parcel
- on a ridge with no vegetation and you=re putting it on the
- 18 ridge in the middle of an open field, it doesn=t matter how
- 19 you design that structure, whether it=s a tree or a flagpole
- or a monopole, it=s going to stick out no matter what.
- 21 If you can find a parcel that=s not on a ridge but
- 22 still high enough to meet the RF objective and has
- 23 vegetation on it, that=s further from surrounding homes
- 24 where the setback can be more than that and it still
- 25 satisfies the, well, as I mentioned, still satisfies the RF

1 coverage objectives, where the landlord is willing to lease

- 2 and you can bring in telephone line and build an access
- 3 road, that becomes the parcel that satisfies that paragraph.
- 4 It doesn=t mean to me that there=s some other parcel that
- 5 could do the same thing but once you find a parcel that does
- 6 that and you=re able to site it on the parcel in a sensitive
- 7 way which meets the intent of the Zoning regulations, then I
- 8 think you=ve satisfied that requirement.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 10 THE WITNESS: I=m not saying that there=s another
- 11 parcel where, that I=ve looked at every parcel.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Mr. Hockstra?
- MR. HOCKSTRA: None of this would be pertaining to
- 14 her but I=ll ask you --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, ask it.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: Okay.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: If there=s an objection, I=ll rule
- 18 on it.
- 19 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 20 Q Are you aware that the piece of property for the
- 21 special exemption is in violation of current zoning laws in
- 22 Montgomery County?
- 23 A I=m aware that there=s a citation on the property,
- 24 and it=s the property that=s the subject of the special
- 25 exception.

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               Are you aware that the property owner will not let
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     the County onto the property to investigate? And I can
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     specifically say that Mark Moran over at the Zoning Office
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     stated that to me yesterday.
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               MR. GROSSMAN: Well, you can=t -- you can testify
     as to it if you want. Otherwise, I said that that citation
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     is not technically something that I can inquire into because
     I can=t, I can=t take evidence on the citation and what
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     their alleged violation is except to the extent that it
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     pertains to this particular special exception. If it=s not
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     on the land that they are using for the special exception
     and it doesn=t in some way impact on this special exception
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     and doesn=t affect their ability to comply with the statute
     regarding this special exception, it=s not before me.
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     because it is and there will be a condition, as there always
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     is in every special exception by this Board of Appeals, I
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     mean, they make the final decision on it but they have, in
     the past, put a condition on that all, that the applicants
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     must comply with all County, Federal and State regulations.
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      And in this particular type of special exception, the
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     landowner is an applicant, must be an applicant. So I think
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     it will end up being covered by that but I can=t litigate
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     out whether or not there is a violation here or whether or
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     not they are complying with requirements for access or
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- 1 anything like that.
- 2 And if a special exception is granted here, they
- 3 will be required to allow access to the Department of
- 4 Permitting Services of inspection of this site and that is,
- or there will be a complaint filed by DPS with the Board of
- 6 Appeals against them and they=ll have to defend the, you
- 7 know, a possible penalty of losing the special exception.
- 8 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 9 Q Why did the Brown property fall through?
- 10 A The Brown owners were interested in pursuing
- 11 subdivision of the property. I don=t know if they
- 12 proceeded. It was a contractual decision.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: All right. No further questions.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Any redirect?
- 15 MR. HUGHES: Just very briefly. Yes, sir.
- 16 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 18 Q Is it true, Ms. Morrison, that if the site was
- 19 moved to the south, while it would be further away from Mr.
- 20 Hockstra, it would be closer to people to the south?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q So the same thing. If it was moved to the west,
- 23 it might be further away from people who live to the east
- 24 but closer to the people to the west?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 MR. HUGHES: That=s all. Thank you.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Any recross on that point?
- 3 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 4 BY MR. HOCKSTRA:
- 5 Q Is it true that if the cell tower wasn=t even
- 6 there, it wouldn=t matter to the people to the east, the
- 7 west, the south, the north?
- 8 MR. HUGHES: Objection.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: No. I=ll let her ask that question,
- 10 answer that question.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Except to the extent that they make
- 12 phone calls.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: It=s a self-answering question.
- 14 THE WITNESS: They couldn=t complete the call.
- 15 Right.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: It=s a rhetorical question if you
- 17 will.
- MR. HOCKSTRA: No further questions.
- 19 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Morrison.
- 20 Does that complete your case?
- 21 MR. HUGHES: Yes. Other than, obviously, the
- 22 exhibits. I don=t know if you want me to ask to take them
- in now or if you=d prefer to do that at the very end.
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: Do you have any exhibits that
- 25 you=re going to be submitted?

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1 MR. HOCKSTRA: No. Not right today.
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- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. Then do you wish
- 3 to move in the exhibits?
- 4 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Any objection to any of
- 6 the exhibits, Mr. Hockstra?
- 7 MR. HOCKSTRA: When you say the exhibits, you
- 8 mean --
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: It=s Exhibits 1 -- everything
- 10 that=s in the, that=s been introduced in the file. Those
- 11 that have been previously filed and those that have been
- 12 introduced today, Exhibits 1 through 33 and their subparts
- 13 he=s moving into evidence. Nothing is in evidence until it
- 14 gets moved in at this hearing and so the question is whether
- 15 you have an objection to any one of those exhibits. And of
- 16 course, there will also be the revised landscape plan when
- it is submitted will also be admitted into evidence.
- 18 MR. HOCKSTRA: No. I have no objection.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. Then Exhibits 1
- 20 through 33 and their subparts are admitted into evidence and
- 21 the revised landscape plan and any comment thereon, which
- 22 will be filed after the hearing, will also be admitted into
- 23 evidence.
- 24 (Exhibit Nos. 1 through 33 were
- 25 received into evidence.)

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Then do you wish to
- 2 make a statement yourself, sir? And you=re already under
- 3 oath so you may testify freely here.
- 4 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 5 THE WITNESS: As an adjacent property owner, I do
- 6 not see the need for a cell tower in my backyard. I built
- 7 this house because of the pristine views and beautiful
- 8 horizons. If I knew a cell tower was going to be built in
- 9 my backyard, I would never have bought the property and
- 10 built my house here. Brookeville is a historical town in a
- 11 rural setting and this will be a visual pollutant to all the
- 12 people that pass through it and enjoy the Triadelphia Lake
- 13 recreational area.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Let me ask you, speaking of that,
- 15 how far you are, how far your home is from the cell tower
- location. Now, we know that you=re slightly off the map
- 17 here.
- 18 THE WITNESS: My house is in one of those
- 19 pictures.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Pardon?
- 21 THE WITNESS: My house is in one of those
- 22 pictures.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Oh, which one of those pictures?
- 24 Let=s see which one of these pictures is your house in?
- THE WITNESS: The one on the right side.

- 1 MR. HUGHES: This one, Mr. Hockstra?
- THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So which exhibit is
- 4 that?
- 5 MR. HUGHES: That -- what=s the photos, 10? I
- 6 think it=s 10. Is that right? I think it=s 10, and then
- 7 it=s the one 2612 Triadelphia Lake Road. Is that your
- 8 address?
- 9 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So hold on a second. Let me
- 11 -- 2612. Okay. Got it. All right. So that=s actually a
- 12 photograph from your home or right close to it. And is that
- 13 your home in the left side of the photograph there?
- 14 THE WITNESS: Yes. That=s my mailbox and that=s
- my home.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And so from your home,
- 17 from there, you see the Pepco transmission lines and you
- 18 will see the south tower as depicted in Exhibit 10F, is that
- 19 correct?
- 20 THE WITNESS: Certain locations I can see the
- 21 Pepco lines.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: Right. Well, I mean the one
- 23 that=s --
- 24 THE WITNESS: But this will be 500 feet closer
- 25 towards my house.

1 MR. GROSSMAN: The one that=s depicted. So

- 2 that --
- 3 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Let=s see. The distance is almost
- 5 exactly a quarter of a mile. You=re almost exactly a
- 6 quarter of a mile from the site. Okay. Well, that does
- 7 give us a good idea. I=m glad you have that photo of, to
- 8 the extent to which it imposes on your view. Okay.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I thought you were going to ask
- 10 about the Triadelphia Lake rec area or just my house.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: I actually wasn=t. I was going to
- 12 let --
- 13 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 14 MR. GROSSMAN: You=re testifying and saying
- 15 whatever you want and then --
- 16 THE WITNESS: For Mr. Thorne to state that the
- 17 cell tower will not have a negative impact on my property
- 18 value is naive at best. I do not see how it will increase
- 19 my property value and in a tough real estate market, I=m not
- 20 sure if my house would even be able to sell with that cell
- 21 tower in my backyard.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, you say in your backyard. It
- is a quarter of a mile away.
- 24 THE WITNESS: That=s in my backyard. I see it.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. It=s within your view.

- 1 THE WITNESS: In my view.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: It=s not technically in your
- 3 backyard.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- THE WITNESS: In my view. Now, I=m hoping that,
- 7 you know, T-Mobile can maybe come up with an agreement with
- 8 Pepco to move their cell tower onto either their property,
- 9 their easement closer to the high voltage lines, and I=m
- 10 hopeful that Montgomery County and the Board will protect
- 11 the property owners and citizens of Montgomery County.
- 12 Thank you.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Cross-examination?
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you. Just a few questions.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Sure.
- MR. HUGHES: Yes, Mr. Grossman. Thank you.
- 17 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 19 Q Mr. Hockstra, do you use wireless technology?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q What type of wireless technology do you use?
- 22 A I use a cell phone.
- 23 Q In your household, is there more than one cell
- 24 phone utilized?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q How many cell phones?
- 2 A Two.
- 3 Q Two. You said you built your house about five
- 4 years ago, is that correct?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q When you purchased the land and bought it, were
- 7 the Pepco lines already back there?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q So you could see those from your property when you
- 10 purchased the house and when you built the house?
- 11 A At certain locations when you walk towards the
- 12 back of my property, you can see the Pepco lines.
- 13 O Aren=t they unobstructed views from the back there
- 14 to the Pepco lines?
- 15 A No. They=re not unobstructed views.
- 16 Q Are there telephone poles on Georgia Avenue
- 17 leading up to your house?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Any idea how many lines are running between those
- 20 poles to poles?
- 21 A No.
- 22 Q Any idea how far apart those poles are?
- 23 A No.
- 24 Q Would you be surprised if there was a telephone
- 25 pole about every 150 feet out there?

- 1 A No, I wouldn=t.
- 2 Q The telephone poles, they didn=t concern you when
- 3 you bought the house and built the house either, is that
- 4 correct?
- 5 A No, they did not. I needed power to operate the
- 6 house, and they=re probably only 35 feet tall.
- 7 Q Is it true that they=re, pole after pole is strung
- 8 together with multiple lines though, is that correct?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q But you really don=t observe those, is that true?
- 11 A I -- you can see them right there in the picture.
- 12 Q Do you know the term Animby@?
- 13 A No.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I don=t know that I=m going to
- 15 allow that kind of line of cross-examination.
- MR. HUGHES: Okay.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: How does that help you, whether he
- 18 knows what nimby means?
- MR. HUGHES: I was going to explain what the
- 20 impact is if you have it in one place but you suggest it be
- 21 moved to another place.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Well, tell him what it
- 23 means then.
- MR. HUGHES: Okay.
- 25 BY MR. HUGHES:

1 Q The term nimby stands for, it=s used a lot in land

- 2 use, stands for not in my backyard. So I guess the question
- 3 would be do you recognize, you=re suggesting it be moved
- 4 somewhere else nearby, that if it=s moved somewhere else, it
- 5 potentially could be more closer to other homes and other
- 6 people=s views?
- 7 A I=m saying if you co-locate it over closer to the
- 8 Pepco, then I wouldn=t have as big of an issue because I=d
- 9 barely, if any, from walking around my house, do I see the
- 10 Pepco lines.
- 11 O The question --
- 12 A As you can see in your picture, your tower is
- 13 probably 20 feet taller than the Pepco lines.
- 14 Q All right. But the question is do you realize
- 15 that that would move it closer to other people=s homes and
- 16 their views?
- 17 A No.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, do we know in the record that
- 19 there are other people=s homes that are on the other side of
- 20 the Pepco --
- 21 MR. HUGHES: Well, I guess I=m asking him that
- 22 question. If he lives out there, if he --
- THE WITNESS: Oh, yes. There are other houses.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Just south of the Pepco lines?
- THE WITNESS: Yes.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 2 MR. HUGHES: Those would be my questions. Thank
- 3 you, Mr. Grossman.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 5 THE WITNESS: To rebute, I have a cell phone.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: You can redirect yourself.
- 7 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 8 THE WITNESS: I have a cell phone. I have two of
- 9 them in my house. I=m also a business owner. And I work
- 10 out of my house sometimes and I have coverage, full coverage
- 11 inside my house when I walk around, you know, outside my
- 12 house so I=m not sure what the need is. Do I have proof on
- 13 what the T-Mobile coverage is? My service is not T-Mobile.
- 14 Some of my workers do have T-Mobile and I have double-
- 15 checked that if, you know, I don=t know what documentation
- 16 you would need me to provide to the Board in order to see
- 17 that.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, this is your opportunity to
- 19 present --
- THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: -- any evidence that you have.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Right now, it would just be my
- 23 testimony.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And your testimony about -- I
- 25 understand that you don=t, that you have coverage but some

1 other, other than T-Mobile and that=s the issue. T-Mobile

- 2 is entitled to have sufficient coverage.
- 3 THE WITNESS: My workers come to my house to work
- 4 and they have T-Mobile coverage when they=re inside my
- 5 house, when they=re outside my house. What their coverage
- 6 is driving down the road, I do not know.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 8 THE WITNESS: So to say that you need a pole right
- 9 there to fulfill your coverage need, I=m little in doubt
- 10 that that=s really why you need it.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 12 THE WITNESS: And, you know, I have a land line as
- 13 a primary line in the house, you know. I use my cell phone,
- 14 you know, either for business or usually when I=m not at my
- 15 house.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right. Okay.
- 17 THE WITNESS: As per the telephone lines, I don=t
- 18 know if you can say that a telephone pole in my front yard
- is the same thing as a 120 foot tower in the backyard, or on
- 20 the adjoining property that I see in my view.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 22 THE WITNESS: To compare the two and say they=re
- 23 identical or similar, they=re totally different from the
- 24 respects of your site plan, your pictures and, you know,
- 25 that it provides me electricity in order for me to live

- 1 there. If I didn=t have that electricity, the house
- 2 wouldn=t even be possible. There=s already phones that are
- 3 capable land lines there, you know, that are able to operate
- 4 in my house.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Any recross?
- 6 MR. HUGHES: Just a few, please.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 8 RECROSS EXAMINATION
- 9 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 10 Q Mr. Hockstra, what kind of business do you own?
- 11 You mentioned you --
- 12 A Construction.
- Q Construction. And how many of your, you mentioned
- 14 employees, how many of your employees, approximately, have
- 15 wireless phones?
- 16 A Two.
- 17 Q Two. And you mentioned that they come to do work
- 18 at your, do work with you at the house, is that correct?
- 19 A Correct.
- 21 business license?
- 22 A Yes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: What=s the relevance of that?
- 24 THE WITNESS: They come by to pick up their
- 25 checks.

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1 MR. HUGHES: Well, he was questioning activities
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- 2 on the subject property so I was just trying to understand
- 3 if there=s any activity, requirements in order to do that
- 4 work.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: How is that relevant to this --
- 6 THE WITNESS: I=m not putting a cell tower up in
- 7 my yard.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Hold it, Mr. Hockstra.
- 9 MR. HUGHES: Well, it goes to credibility.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: How does that go to credibility,
- 11 whether he has, is required to have a license --
- MR. HUGHES: To operate --
- MR. GROSSMAN: -- at his house.
- 14 MR. HUGHES: He brought it up on his testimony so
- 15 I=m --
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: How does -- he brought up the
- 17 question of workers having cell coverage.
- MR. HUGHES: And come into his house to do work.
- 19 MR. GROSSMAN: And they come to his house. How
- 20 does whether he has a license for that bear on credibility
- 21 or anything in this case?
- 22 MR. HUGHES: I think it does bear on credibility
- 23 whether you=re following the rules and laws. He may be. I
- 24 was just asking the question.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: It has nothing whatever to do with

- 1 this case, Mr. Hughes.
- 2 MR. HUGHES: Okay.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: I=m not going to --
- 4 MR. HUGHES: I will respect your decision
- 5 obviously.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: -- try to intimidate a witness by
- 7 that.
- 8 MR. HUGHES: I=m sorry. What?
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: We=re not going to try to
- 10 intimidate a witness by whether he has a license or not
- 11 because he came to testify about something, a cell tower
- 12 that=s going up in his area.
- MR. HUGHES: I=m sorry you -- I was not trying to
- 14 intimidate. I was trying to ask what I viewed as a
- 15 legitimate question. I hear your response and I=m stopping.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 17 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 18 Q Mr. Hockstra, are you aware that when telephone
- 19 poles first started going up that people fought the
- telephone poles going up?
- 21 A No. I was not aware of that.
- Q Okay. But you noted that obviously, power to
- 23 people=s homes is pretty valuable and essential in a lot of
- 24 cases. That=s why you said, you know, you=re okay with the
- 25 telephone poles so you can have power to your house, is that

- 1 correct?
- 2 A The County will not let you build a house unless
- 3 there is power to the house.
- 4 Q Okay. But you see it as valuable, having power to
- 5 your house?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Okay. Do you believe that a lot of people think
- 8 wireless is almost like a utility and also very valuable to
- 9 have reliable service?
- 10 A People feel -- I don=t understand the question.
- 11 Q Okay. I apologize. So you believe that power is
- 12 a valuable asset. And I guess my question is then do you
- 13 believe that wireless services are also a valuable asset?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Okay.
- MR. HUGHES: Those are my questions. Thank you.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right then. Do you
- 18 have, Mr. Hockstra, do you have any exhibits that you wish
- 19 to submit?
- MR. HOCKSTRA: No.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right then. Does
- 22 anybody else have anything further that needs to be heard
- 23 today? All right then. Once again, by September 29, 2011,
- the applicant will submit a revised landscape plan, and by
- 25 October 10, 2011, Technical Staff and any members of the

1 public who wish to comment just on that revisions to the

- 2 plan can respond, and by October 13, the applicant can
- 3 respond to any comments and the record will close the close
- 4 of business on October 13, 2011.
- I might suggest, Mr. Hughes, that you talk to Mr.
- 6 Hockstra and see if there=s some, before you do the
- 7 landscape plan, if there=s some kind of screening that might
- 8 be helpful in this regard regarding his view of the proposed
- 9 cell tower. And then if there is, consult with Technical
- 10 Staff as to whether or not any such screening would be
- 11 appropriate.
- 12 MR. HUGHES: Okay. Thank you.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: That might ameliorate the
- 14 situation. All right. Is there anything further?
- 15 (No audible response.)
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: Then we are adjourned.
- 17 MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 18 (Whereupon, at 2:43 p.m., the proceedings were
- 19 concluded.)

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$\underline{\%}$ Digitally signed by Josephine Hayes <code>ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATE</code>

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